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ACG 'alters' 1st phase of project

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Lin

The Alter City Group is looking at holding a groundbreaking ceremony in the next two months for their $1.2-billion casino resort project in Puntan Diablo Cove on Tinian. However, there will be changes to their project plan that they hope to submit to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality soon.

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IF DIVERT AIRFIELD NOT SITED ON TINIAN:

CNMI drafts measures to put programmatic agreement with DoD back to drawing board

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The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has finalized its version of a programmatic agreement for a proposed U.S. Air Force divert airfield on Tinian, drafting language that essentially forces parties to re-negotiate terms, if the military chose to site the airfield on another CNMI location over the preferred "Tinian-only" site.

Programmatic agreements are essentially measures agreed to by consulting parties to protect cultural and historic properties affected by Department

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DEREK GERSONDE

A firefighter sprays water into the kitchen area of a semi-concrete house in San Vicente during a fire yesterday morning. Arson investigators determined that the cause of the blaze was a lighted paper used as a "pilot light" for a gas stove.

Gas stove triggers fire at San Vicente house

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Cooking with a gas stove triggered a fire at a one-story, semi-concrete house occupied by a family in San Vicente yesterday morning.

No one was reported injured and no treatment was provided to anyone at the scene for medical complaints, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said the fire only damaged the kitchen as firefighters were able to contain the blaze in that area.

Gersonde said DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety's dispatch about a structure fire at a residence across the baseball field in San Vicente at 8:37am.

Firefighters from Susupe and Kagman fire stations responded and placed the blaze under control at 9am.

"The cause of the fire was found to be accidental," the DFEMS spokesman said.

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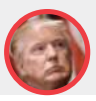

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Torres seeks comments from biz community on sugar tax

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Comments from the business community is being sought by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres regarding the proposed sugar tax law which is now on the governor's desk after being passing by the Legislature last week.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce secretary and Government Relations Committee member Alex Sablan urged fellow chamber members to submit their comments on the proposed law at their general monthly meeting at the Saipan World Resort yesterday.

"The governor is asking for specific response on the proposed sugar tax, House Bill 19-99," Sablan said.

He added that the governor needs to hear from the business community their recommendations.

He also added that the proposed tax hopefully "will be a penny instead of 4 cents as a compromise."

Sablan also added that an incremental increase may be an option to look at as it can be absorbed more than the 800-percent increase on the specific product.

HB 19-99 or "To assess a health impact tax on sugar-sweetened beverages and sugar-sweetened concentrate, for the prevention of non-communicable diseases in the CNMI; to create a Special Healthcare Impact Act" passed the House after a 10 "yes" votes and eight "no" votes.

Prior to the bill passing the Legislature, the Chamber has submitted their comments as an organization to the author of the bill as well as to Torres.

In a position paper sent to Ogumoro last October, the Chamber and its Government Relations Committee has stated that they are "not in favor" of HB 19-99.

"While a Special Healthcare Impact Account may seem a worthwhile idea, it will not fix the substantial needs of our island's only hospital. The Chamber urges the government return to operating the hospital again, and to help subsidize the medical care provided at the hospital for island residents," the Chamber said.

A succeeding position paper last month stressed further that

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Court: Man arrested for possession of ATM skimming devices a flight risk

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The federal court yesterday found as a flight risk Xiaolin Yang, a Chinese man who was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents for allegedly concealing in his luggage ATM skimming devices.

At a detention hearing, U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy told the parties that Yang is a flight risk based on the nature and circumstances of the offense, the weight of the evidence, and the lack of ties to the community.

Kennedy, however, continued the detention hearing to May 13 at 1:30pm.

Kennedy told the parties that she was inclined to continue the matter after further discussing with the U.S. Probation Officers about possible conditions that may be imposed that would reasonably assure Yang's court appearance.

The magistrate judge asked attorney Mark B. Hanson, counsel for Yang, about the possibility of the defendant finding a place suitable for location monitoring.

Hanson requested for time to look into the matter.

Kennedy stated her inclination to do a combination of a secured bond and location monitoring.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, notified the court that the government has seized all cash belongings of Yang and does not intend to release it.

Backe said the government intends to seek forfeiture so Yang will not get the money back.

After the hearing, Yang was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshals.

Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents arrested Yang on Friday after they allegedly found ATM skimming devices concealed in his luggage.

The FBI last Friday served Yang with an arrest warrant issued by Kennedy after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging him with illegal possession of device-making equipment.

According to FBI special agent Haejun Park in his affidavit, Yang arrived on Saipan onboard Asiana Airlines Flight No. 625 from Hong Kong via Incheon Korea last Thursday, April 28.

Park said during immigration processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yang acted suspiciously so he underwent additional screening.

Park said during this additional screening, ATM skimming devices were found inside Yang's luggage.

Park said an ATM skimming device is a device typically fastened over the top of the factory installed card reader.

Together with a small hidden camera, this device is used by criminals to capture the data from the magnetic stripe on the back of an ATM card ("access device"), as well as the customer's inputted personal identification number (PIN).

The captured data is later transferred onto a fraudulent ATM card and the captured PIN is used to withdraw money from the account.

Park leads the FBI's investigation into the skimming devices that were discovered earlier last April on two ATM machines at First Hawaiian Bank in Oleai.

Last April 9, the FBI released 10 photos of individuals wanted by the FBI for questioning in connection to the recent electronic thefts from First Hawaiian Bank accounts held by Saipan residents.

FHB stated that card skimming through their ATMs was believed to be the cause of the unauthorized transactions made in various FHB accounts.

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OAG: 220 new criminal cases in 2015

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The CNMI Office of the Attorney General has released it calendar year 2015 report, detailing case statistics and restructuring of office divisions to meet goals set by Attorney General Edward Manibusan in his first year in office as the CNMI's first elected attorney general.

Among other case statistics, the report notes, under "new cases" "criminal" cases, that there were 118 felony cases and 102 misdemeanor cases under the category of "criminal" cases in the NMI.

Some 99 cases were juvenile cases and 2,773 cases were tallied under traffic.

For cases received by location, Saipan tallied 2013 cases; Rota tallied 16, and Tinian 34.

Cases by offenses were split up into crimes against person, which lent itself to 74 cases under family violence, and 40 cases under general crimes.

There were 57 property crimes cases, according to the report, 25 cases over drugs, 12 for crimes involving sexual assault, seven for public corruption, one each involving firearms offense and customs offense, and three under miscellaneous and misdemeanors.

The AG also arrived at 110 guilty pleas, five jury/bench trial convictions, labeled 82 cases as pending, tallied 20 dismissals, and six acquittals.

The report also highlighted the AG's creation of the Solicitor's Division said to improve the management of its appellate practice, streamline the review and commenting of pending legislation.

Since the establishment of the division, the report said, the following has occurred in 2015: drafting an appellate manual to ensure Commonwealths' appeals are handled in uniform manure in accordance with procedure; draft new procurement regulations to "increase transparence" in government contracting and save on millions of dollars.

"This will include the creation of a procurement handbook to guide government officials in the drafting, routing, monitoring, and enforcement of government contracts," the report said.

The division also regular research and commented on bills before the Legislature.

"To this end, the OAG carefully scrutinizes every bill proposed by the Legislature or placed before the Governor," the report said.

The AG report also highlights the re-establishment of the Consumer Protection Division in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor last August.

"The office received a slew of complaints of price gouging," the report said.

The division has since engaged in a media campaign o deter business from taking advantage of the community after the disaster; received 33 formal complaints and 20 informal, most of which were resolved informally, while others are under investigation.

The report notes that Manibusan entered into a cooperative agreement with the attorney general of Guam, Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, to enhance consumer protection efforts.

"Through this collaborative effort, the Attorneys General was able to meet with a top-level executive at United Airlines regarding the abysmal service provided in our region and the discontinuation of complimentary meal service on the Honolulu-Guam route."

The report also assures that the division will be increasing enforcement of consumer protection laws by conducting regular inspections of retail establishments to ensure compliance with the Consumer Protection Act, among others.

ACG

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According to ACG managing director Ken Lin, they will no longer be building massive hotel complexes but instead have villa-type accommodations, at least for Phase 1 of their project, which comprises one-third of their entire property.

"Our first phase has changed in terms of the massive hotel complex like what we originally provided. Now our first phase will mainly concentrate on villa-ish type hotel. We have to redefine our program. Rather than building the hotel, we want to build a resort," Lin said.

Lin added that the all the villas will have 100 percent ocean view and that the architecture will be something that will look like it's "grown on the ground" using natural materials such as wood and corals to enhance the simple but modern look.

There will be about 300 units of villas with at least 1,500 rooms for ACG's planned Plumeria Casino and Golf Resort.

The casino, which was earlier proposed to be on the ground floor of their hotel, will be in a separate area as one of the attractions or activities to do in the resort.

With the amendments, Lin said they don't anticipate having a problem with their major citing permit that was approved last July.

"It should be okay because first of all, our height is actually, instead of six or seven floors, now it's only one or two floors. Area did not change much," Lin said.

Lin said they needed to "redefine" their program after more careful consideration of their site as well as recent developments in the CNMI such as the upcoming casino on Saipan.

"We revisited that because we want to redefine the right program for us," Lin said, "We need to redefine our program to target a different clientele."

Lin said they sought advice from various experts and weighed in on the advantages and disadvantages of the project and "to define what will be the best program for us."

Since one advantage that they have is their sprawling land, ACG said they have decided to go with the villas instead of rising complexes and they will be building a resort rather than a hotel.

This will provide a different living style as they hope to be more family oriented as well.

They will still have shopping areas, a waterpark, and golf area so that their resort will be "something where you can stay for three days and not go out."

With these changes, Lin said the price tag of their development actually "shoots up more" rather than decreases.

"To a developer time is money," Lin said, noting that with the changes, they might waste seven months on waiting for final designs, plans, and approvals.

However, it will be better in the long run, according to Lin, as they will be able to build much faster and can get the casino up and running rather than wait for the hotel complex to finish.

Lin also said that they will not open a temporary casino but a real casino so that it will already have a "wow" factor and will entice tourists to come back.

ACG, despite being granted the casino license, stressed that the casino will have its own operators.

We're not experts in casinos, we're experts in property development," Lin said.

"Casino to us is just a facility," ACG chief executive officer Edvon Sze said.

For now, ACG said they have started clearing parts of their 155 hectare-property and have pieces of equipment ready. However, they are still waiting on other permits such as earthmoving permits that they hope to get next month.

"We're in the process of getting the earthmoving permit," Sze said.

"In a developer's point of view, we want the permit yesterday," Lin said, "We definitely urge to have the permit faster."

Lin said that they want to hold a groundbreaking when the site is all clear and set to start construction—which will commence hopefully this year. Phase 1 of ACG's Plumeria Casino and Golf Resort is expected to be finished in 2019.

ERRATUM

The quote from Bill Hofschneider, president of Hofschneider Engineering Corp., in the story "PHI, Hofschneider Engineering join MMAC" should have read: "We try to donate our services." Our apologies.

CNMI

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of Defense projects.

The CNMI's draft version was sent over to PACOM's Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield on Monday, the single point of contact for the CNMI on Defense projects, and is the version that the CNMI is willing to sign on to, Torres officials said yesterday.

Torres said yesterday that they emphasized, "that it's only Tinian" and that if there were any other proposal again, on another site in the CNMI, that "they have to come back and review it."

"It's specifically Tinian," said Torres told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview between meetings at his office on Capitol Hill yesterday afternoon. "And if there is any other option then we have to come back to the drawing board."

CNMI officials have insisted, among other concerns, that the divert airfield be placed on Tinian, despite the military's previously heavily advertised "hybrid" option which would spread divert project on both Saipan and Tinian to lessen project impact.

Torres said yesterday municipal mayors also want to see the buildup on Tinian, and that he looks forward to working with Crutchfield on making this a reality.

"I am optimistic about it. I feel that both sides have worked in good faith. At least I know we have worked in good faith. The ultimate goal is…to see the divert airfield be in Tinian."

The Torres administration also aims to have Torres be one of the main signatories on the document.

Officials explain that there are three signatories to the document, signatories, invited signatories, and consulting party signatories.

Torres wants to be a signatory, or an invited signatory given the same purviews as main signatory to the document, to have say and consent over any amendments that the military may propose to the document.

The Torres administration also has included language to have the Air Force show they have a lease or are in the process of getting a lease from the Commonwealth Ports Authority for the divert project on Tinian.

Torres said these were one the "changes" they put into the agreement so that the military "have some sort of draft proposal that CPA agrees on."

This includes a master plan, or airport layout plan, that CPA and the military must agree on.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* their programmatic agreement will be "requiring" these.

"The other one was that we have to be part of the signatories" on "what contracts they agree or what CPA agrees," Torres said, so that his signature on the programmatic agreement "is not the last one."

"Normally once they sign [the agreement] every one else goes on their own. But we would like to come back and say 'what have you agreed to,' 'do we agree on the contracts you've had with the other departments?'" Torres explained.

The negotiations for this agreement come as previous agreements to fund over million-dollar cultural and historical projects for another military project, the Marianas Island Range Complex" project, or MIRC, remains unfunded.

The MIRC agreement also identified military "constraint" and mitigation areas and measures agreed to for Tinian that Torres believes had been "undermined" by a more recent and larger-scale live-fire training proposal, the CNMI Joint Military Training project, on the island.

FIRE

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gators learned that occupants of the house were cooking with a gas stove in the kitchen.

A lighted piece of paper was used as a pilot light.

A member of the family exposed the lighted paper to combustible materials, triggering the fire.

Last April 20, a moped driven by a man caught fire on the hill of Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Finasisu .The driver, a Chinese man, was not injured.

Last March 28, a three-hour fire engulfed the Home & Plus Department Store in San Antonio, which just opened for business last November.

Last March 27, a bush fire burned acres of vegetation at Wireless Ridge on Capital Hill.

Last Feb. 13, fire of unknown cause broke out at one of the rooms of Capital Hotel in Garapan.

Last Feb. 11, a 3-year-old boy was injured when a fire broke out at an apartment in Susupe.

Last Jan. 20, a car caught fire in front of Mount Carmel School in Chalan Kanoa, while another fire broke out at a shipping container at the old dumpsite in Puerto Rico.

TORRES

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they are "strongly opposed to this bill" adding that it would substantially increase the cost of not only soda drinks, but also carbonated fruit juices, iced teas, and other products.

"We believe that the way to change consumer behavior is to educate, not to penalize. Our island has a significant low-income population and this effect of this bill will take more of their meager income for the cost of everyday needs. These beverages are not the only foods that are unhealthy for consumption. Will other food products also become subject to tax?" the Chamber said.

"The SCC believes that this bill reaches too far into regulating personal consumption, and hope that the legislators find alternatives that will educate the public on good food choices and on healthier lifestyles," it added.

Ex-Army recruiter said he underwent polygraph test sans reading of his rights

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Jordan M. Jucutan, a teacher and a former member of the U.S. Army Reserves, said agents from the Army Reserve Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, interrogated him and subjected him to a polygraph test without advising him of his constitutional rights.

Jucutan is facing charges in federal court for allegedly stealing referral bonuses from the U.S. Army Reserves totaling $9,000 by fraudulently claiming that he recruited five potential soldiers and claiming the cash incentives for himself.

A superseding indictment charged Jucutan with three counts of wire fraud and three counts of aggravated identity theft.

In his declaration filed Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Jucutan said every time he attempted to explain that he hadn't stolen anyone's personal identification information, a certain special agent and polygraph test administrator surnamed Smith would only yell at him and say "answer the question!"

"By this point, I was so panicked, confused and agitated that I think I would have answered yes to anything even to being at the assassination of President Kennedy even though I wasn't even born then," he said.

Attorney Pamela Brown Blackburn, counsel for Jucutan, attached the declaration in support of defendant's motion to suppress confession and all prior statements made in March 2015.

Blackburn asked the court to suppress Jucutan's statement to Army Reserve CID investigators on March 31, 2015, as well as all prior statements made during CIB and FBI interrogation at the FBI office on Saipan on March 5, 2015, due to violation of defendant's U.S. and NMI constitutional rights as guaranteed under the 5th and 6th Amendments.

Blackburn asserted that the court should grant the motion to suppress Jucutan's confession as an involuntary under both U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit case law interpreting the U.S. Constitution, Fifth Amendment protections against self-incrimination.

In his declaration, Jucutan said that, on March 5, 2015, at 1:15pm, he was called out of his classroom to the office of vice principal, where three plainclothes men met him.

He said one of the men was a certain special agent Kimrey with the U.S. Army.

Jucutan said Kimrey requested if he could go to the FBI at 4pm that day so they could talk to him.

Jucutan said Kimrey sounded relaxed and pleasant so he responded in the affirmative.

He said inside the FBI's conference room, Kimrey and an FBI agent were there.

He said the FBI agent stated that it was just an interview since his name appeared on a list that they had so "you don't really need a lawyer."

Jucutan said Kimrey later began questioning him about his recruiter and service in the Army Reserves.

He said Kimrey and the FBI agent later kept questioning him about $17,000 that they said he had gotten and that all he could repeat was he couldn't remember.

He said the interview lasted two hours.

Jucutan said a few days later, Kimrey called and informed him that the polygraph test for him was scheduled for March 31, 2015, at the FBI's office.

Jucutan said once he was wired up and told by special agent Smith not to move and has his head, arms, and legs constrained in the chair, he became extremely nervous which resulted in him getting more confused with his heart racing and heavily perspiring.

Jucutan said he became so confused and conflicted that by the time Smith began asking questions, he was incapable of simply answering "yes" or "no" but had to take long pauses to attempt to remember what really happened during his time as a recruiting assistant with the Army Recruiting Program which was six or nine years prior to the polygraph testing.

Jucutan said when Smith told him about the need to have many tests as he had not "passed" the prior tests that caused him to become more agitated, confused, and "created a state of mind which I can only describe as being in a tunnel."

Jucutan said as Smith asked more questions he later began crying because it was all too much and stated that he only did it, meaning joined the Army Recruiting Program system as a recruiting assistant, to get extra money because his wife was pregnant with their first child.

"I then broke down, sobbing since I realized that I was set up and should never allowed the agents to convince me to not worry since I was not the target of a criminal investigation but instead should have invoked my constitutional rights which I believed it was too late to do," he said.

Jucutan said during the six hours at the FBI's office, he never left the polygraph room during the occasional breaks nor was he offered food or water or the use of the restroom either by the CID or FBI agents.

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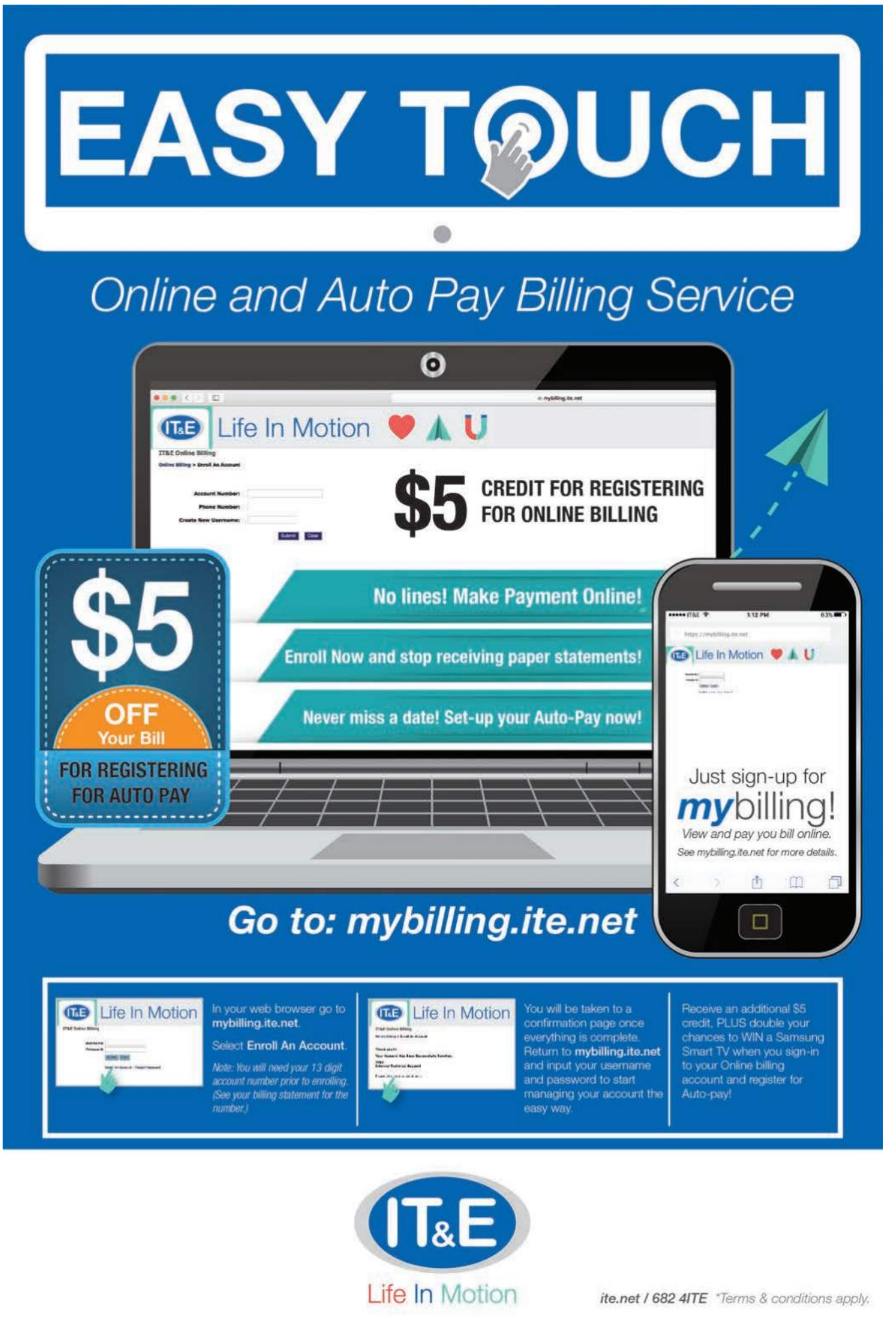
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PENDING OUTCOME OF APPEAL

Leyda Ada requests court for her release

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Leyda I. Ada is asking the federal court for her release pending the outcome of her appeal from her conviction of perjury and sentence to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ada, through counsel Mark B. Hanson, filed on Tuesday her motion for release in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. As of this filing, she remains at liberty awaiting notice from the U.S. Marshal Service to self-surrender when a federal prison facility is already available for her.

Ada filed in court last April 22 a notice of appeal of her conviction and sentence.

In Ada's motion for release, Hanson said the defendant is not a flight risk, is not a danger to the community, and her appeal and this motion are not for purposes of delay.

Hanson said Ada has and will present issues to the Ninth Circuit that are "substantial" in nature—fairly debatable—and that would require reversal or re-sentencing if she prevails on either of the issues presented.

Hanson said there is no likelihood that Ada will flee the jurisdiction of the court pending the resolution of her appeal.

Hanson said Ada has extensive ties to the community and the U.S. government has possession of her passport.

The lawyer said Ada was not convicted of a crime of violence nor of a crime that could be characterized as one which posed or poses danger to the community.

Hanson said neither Ada's appeal nor this motion for release is for purposes of delay.

Ada challenges on appeal her conviction and her sentence on several grounds.

First, Hanson said, there was insufficient evidence for the jury to find that she willfully provided false testimony about cash on hand and/or money in a checking or savings account when she signed the "Form CJA."

Second, Hanson said, the question that was asked of Ada by Probation Officer Margarita Wonenberg, "Have you any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts?" is fundamentally ambiguous.

The lawyer pointed out that the answer to a question which is "fundamentally ambiguous…may not, as a matter of law, form the basis of a prosecution for perjury."

Hanson added that, among other probable and possible challenges to her conviction and sentence, Ada also challenges the court's calculation of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the court's application of the advisory guidelines in formulating its sentence in this case.

Last April 24, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona slapped Ada with a sentence of two years and three months imprisonment.

Ada was allowed her continued release pending the designation of her federal prison facility. She was required to call the U.S. Marshal Service thrice a week to check if there is already available federal prison facility for her.

Last June 26, a federal jury reached a verdict, acquitting Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but finding her guilty as to the crime of perjury.

The 12 jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in the "CJA form" if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine whether Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph entitled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating that she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had $4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to and was an authorized user of at least two bank accounts.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Ada's husband, Melvin Ada, is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over $1.7 million. Last December, he was slapped with a sentence of 12.7 years imprisonment.

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Guam Naval Hospital psychiatrist tapped to evaluate Mathewson

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The CNMI government will tap Dr. Dominic Hernandez, a psychiatrist from the Naval Hospital of Guam, to conduct a mental evaluation on William Kapono Mathewson, the man charged with beating and stabbing Dr. Francois Claassens with a fishing spear in the neck.

At a status conference yesterday, assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, however, informed Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho that no schedule has been set yet for the evaluation.

Camacho ordered that once Hernandez's evaluation is completed, the government shall provide a copy to defendant's counsel, assistant public defender Michael Sato.

Camacho said the jury trial set for Oct. 11, 2016 at 9am shall proceed at the Rota Courthouse.

Camacho set a pretrial conference/motion hearing for July 20 at 9am instead of the original date, July 13.

The judge ordered the parties to inform their witnesses of the trial date and to make advance travel reservations, hotel and car reservations to avoid any delays.

Camacho said any request for additional funding for expert by the Office of the Public Defender must be made in writing.

Last month, Hinds requested for the October 2016 trial as they wish to get their own mental health expert to do a mental evaluation on Mathewson.

Saipan Tribune learned that Mathewson was already evaluated by the defense's mental expert. On April 29, 2015, Camacho granted the request of assistant public defender Sato to appoint a psychiatrist who will examine Mathewson. The prosecution did not oppose Sato's request.

In requesting for appointment of psychiatrist, Sato disclosed that Mathewson will rely upon the defense of insanity at the time when he committed the alleged crime.

Mathewson, a farmer/fisherman, allegedly stabbed the then-60-year-old Claassens in the neck with a fishing spear and clubbed him on the head with a big pot and chain.

The brutal attack happened in the backyard of the doctor's house in Teneto Village on Rota on April 4, 2015. Mathewson's house is located near the doctor's residence.

Claassens has since recovered from his injuries.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the 37-year-old Mathewson with attempted first degree murder, aggravated assault and battery, and three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Alleged marijuana user/seller arrested for domestic violence

An alleged marijuana user/seller allegedly head-butted his common-law wife on the chin and shattered the glass window of a company van driven by her brother using a sling shot on Saipan last Friday.

Melvin Roberto Babauta Cabrera, 41, was arrested in Chalan Kanoa on Tuesday on charges of assault and battery, criminal mischief, disturbing the peace, and possession of controlled substance.

Police said they also seized 14 marijuana plants in flower plots located on the side of Cabrera's house. Four of the marijuana plants were about 8 inches tall and the rest were 3 feet tall.

At a bail hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho kept the $10,000 cash bail that Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed in issuing an arrest warrant.

Preliminary hearing will be on May 11 at 9am.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that a police officer responded to a house in Koblerville on Friday at 1:39pm after the alleged victim called for assistance.

Aldan said investigation showed that earlier that day, the alleged victim was sleeping in their house in Chalan Kanoa when she was awakened by Cabrera's shouting for an unknown reason.

The victim asked for the car keys so she could leave and avoid any problems, but Cabrera refused to give the keys and held her wallet and her driver's license.

Cabrera blocked the front door of the house and threatened he would kill her if he sees her with someone. He also threatened he would kill that person.

Cabrera then allegedly rushed at her and head-butted her on the chin, causing her head to violently flip up and back. She felt dizzy, but still walked on Tun Joaquin Doi Road toward the Finasisu area and Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road.

Cabrera followed her aboard their daughter's pink bicycle. While walking south on Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road, she saw a company van driven by her brother.

The brother saw her walking on the road followed by Cabrera so he pulled over on the shoulder of the road near Green Consume Market.

She ran to the van and jumped into the front passenger seat crying and panicking, she asked her brother to bring her to their mother's house in Koblerville.

As the brother was about to drive, he heard something hard hit the back of the van. He and his sister also heard something hard hit the left rear window and the rear left window was shattered.

The alleged victim saw Cabrera with his homemade sling slot that he would always carry.

When the alleged victim and her brother arrived at their mother's house in Koblerville, she then called police. A responding police officer noticed her chin slightly swollen.

Two police officers proceeded to Cabrera's house in Chalan Kanoa, but he was not there. The officers observed a pink bicycle in the living room.

On the side of the house, police saw the 14 marijuana plants and seized them.

The alleged victim said Cabrera is a marijuana user and that if he doesn't catch a lot when he goes fishing, he would sell marijuana to earn money.

The repair of the shattered window of the van was estimated to be from $304 to $690.

The alleged victim said that while they were staying in Guam before, Cabrera once pointed a handgun at her and at their two toddlers when she told him she was leaving him.

Cabrera allegedly threatened he would shoot their children to make her suffer then he would kill her. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Abuse victims encouraged to speak out

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Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence executive director Maise B. Tenorio is encouraging victims to speak out and not be ashamed of their experiences, adding that they are never alone in their fight and journey toward healing.

"Oftentimes, victims are silent. So our job is to get them talking, once they start talking and learning, we hope that they would want to join the movement. Want to be part of the mission to end domestic violation and sexual assault," said Tenorio.

That's why she admired those who broke their silence and spoke out and have served as an inspiration for other victims to do the same. She added that victims need courage especially after what they have gone through.

"It takes a lot of courage for someone to speak out about something very traumatic that has happened to them. We thank those who are courageous enough to come out and speak about their experiences. Brave women who are speaking out on what happened to them," said Tenorio, who along with other advocates joined the Division of Youth Services in a roadside waving activity last Friday held at the San Jose intersection in Beach Road. It was the culmination of the Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month last April.

Tenorio also reminded victims of domestic and sexual abuse that there are people who care and are ready to help. "We just want to say to the victims and the survivors out there, to let them know, that there are people who care."

Tenorio

"There are people who are doing a good job—they are dedicated advocates, social workers, police officers, fire fighters—the first responders. People who are ready to help and who will listen to them."

Tenorio said the coalition would be working with other agencies to help the victims get justice. "Justice means a lot for the victims. We are going to work together with other agencies to meet the needs of the victims."

"Every survivor thinks of justice in a different way. We want to make sure that we are meeting with the survivors wherever they are. Making sure that they choose to report so they can begin their healing. Sometimes they just need someone to talk to," added Tenorio.

If a victim comes out and talk, the coalition asks them to be part of the movement to end domestic violence and sexual assault. "We need everybody's help because this is a difficult issue to face," said Tenorio.

"The coalition's mission is to end domestic violence and sexual assault. These are the issues that we are passionate about. We want our community to be safe for everyone, that's the underlining goal, to make sure our community—Saipan, Tinian, and Rota—is safe for everyone."

"No matter where you go and no matter who you with, you are always safe and you feel protected," she added.

Tenorio said education is a big part of understanding the victims and at the same time make sure their partners are equipped with the necessary tools they need to serve and help the survivors. She added that sexual assault is different from what is shown in television or movies.

"What they see on television, in reality, it is nothing like that. Sexual assault in real life is totally different. Most of the victims are hurt by people they know and love, and not by strangers. So that is the very hard thing for people to grasp and accept," said Tenorio.

The coalition, which has been working with different agencies like the Division of Youth Services, has been busy promoting awareness of what's happening in the CNMI community, informing the people and getting them understand the reality.

"There's so much sexual assault going on, our children are being victimized everyday, so what are we going to do? Where's our responsibility as citizens and adults to protect our children? This is part of our organization's mission to work with different agencies to spread information," said Tenorio.

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CUC board: Trip to S. Korea was 'exploratory'

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Directors of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board who had gone on a recent trip to South Korea said that it was an "exploratory" and "educational" trip to see options on how to improve utilities on Saipan.

CUC board interim secretary Albert Taitano and board treasurer Joe Torres went to South Korea together with water division manager Richard Wasser last month. It was not clear why there was no representative from CUC's power division.

For the board members' expenses, the trip was paid for by the administration. However, expenses for Wasser were paid for by CUC.

Torres said the trip was an "opportunity" to see what Korea has and it was closer. He added that it was Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog who was "the one who sent us."

"Our trip is an exploratory trip to see some generators and water desalination and also the solar which is the LNG (liquified natural gas) factory. It was a very educational trip and we're looking into those issues as to what we can do upon to help the utility go back into better infrastructure," Torres said.

"Our trip to Korea is exploratory and for the board members to see what options are out there to address our issues in Saipan especially with regards to power and water because for me, coming from Rota where we have 24-hour water, and drinking water, it's sad that Saipan doesn't have that," Taitano echoed.

Wasser declined to disclose information on the trip when asked by media on a separate occasion.

CUC board vice chair Eric San Nicolas, who wasn't part of the trip but had earlier gone to Fiji with other CUC board members and with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for a "fact-finding mission," also echoed what his colleagues said that, "This fact-finding trip was to see what options CUC could have to potentially resolve these issues especially water, it has been an issue for 14 years. We have taken a position in this board that we are going to look for real solutions."

Asked how the trip will affect their ongoing discussion for the Integrated Resource Plan, Torres said an IRP is still on the table.

"We still haven't decided with the Integrated Resource, it's still on the table and we'll probably discuss that in Rota," Taitano said, referring to the CUC board's upcoming public hearing on Rota next week.

When asked if what they've seen in Korea is something that is feasible on Saipan, Torres said, "Everything is feasible if it's done correctly. What's there and what's here is no different to the rest of the world."

Procurement, funding matters

Board members said that for anything that will be implemented in the Commonwealth, they will still go through the proper procurement process.

"Of course, we're not intended to circumvent any law or what not. We're bound by that," San Nicolas said.

"Everything is on the table. We don't do anything below the table. Everything has to be discussed. Everything has to be legal," Torres said.

San Nicolas said funding for would-be projects will be looked at, adding that they are finding options so as not to burden customers by increasing rates.

"There are ways to fund these things and that's where the other entities, the Executive branch, CDA (Commonwealth Development Authority), that's where they come in. what source it's going to come from, right now we're still in discussion phase," San Nicolas said.

Last April, CUC requested Torres to declare an emergency for the water situation on Saipan, in the hopes, among other things, to get funding to address the water issues. It is not clear, however, if declaring an emergency will allow for grant money to be used for non-priority listed projects or if CUC can circumvent procurement rules.

If approved, it will be the first time that such an emergency will be declared on Saipan's water situation.

"We're still having that conversation. In the meantime there are action plans that are happening behind the scenes from the corporation side to make sure that we're addressing the issue as we go forward, whether that gets issued or not, it's business as usual," San Nicolas said.

LibDay committee to finalize 2016 event

The 2016 Liberation Day committee will again meet today hoping to finalize activities for his year's festivities as the celebration nears. The meeting is set at 9:30am at the conference room of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said, in last week's meeting, that he wants the food and beer concession issues resolved before they meet with interested vendors that will join the Liberation Day carnival.

Last year, the beer concession stand was exclusive to one distributor but now they are opening up to all businesses and even giving the chance to small players to participate and sell their goods.

"We have no problems last year despite alcoholic drinks are being sold. We are going to sit down with wholesalers and talk to them. Whether they want to come in as a wholesaler or retailer," said Apatang.

A meeting and orientation will be held today, May 5, 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center for all interested vendors—beer and food concessions.

The committee also wants to finally award a contract for security services after only two companies—G4S and 3S Security Services— submitted their quotation but others can still present their bids.

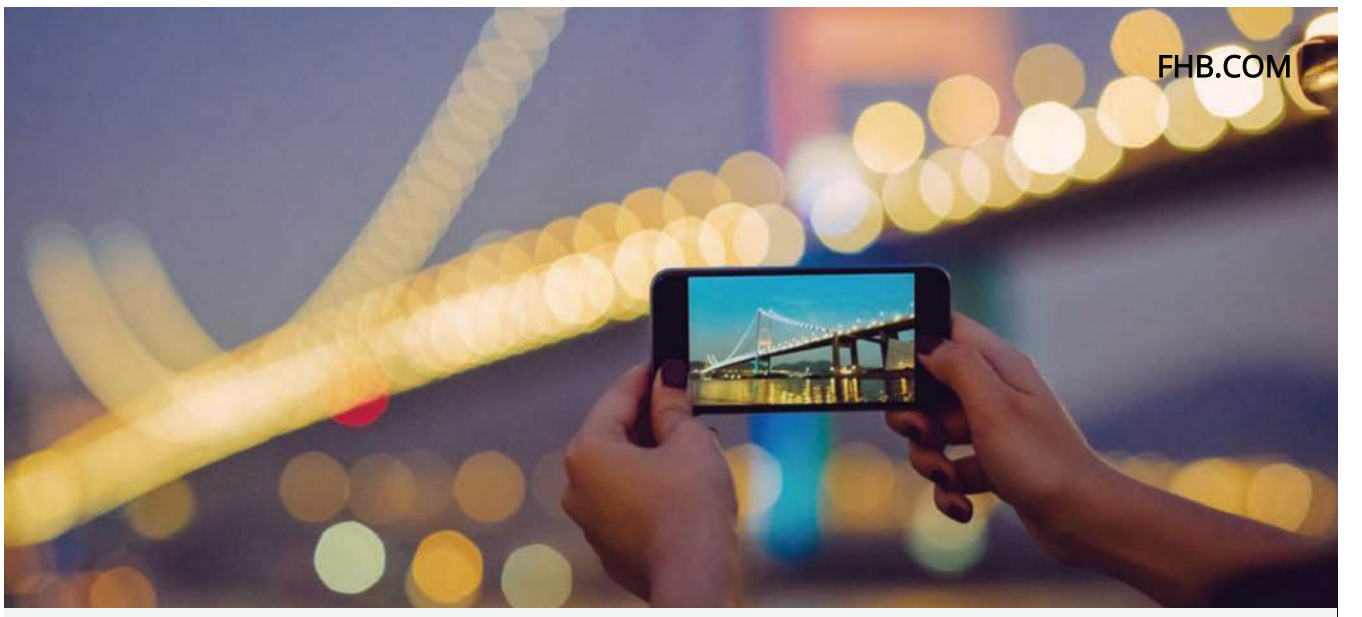
More wooden pallets were also collected that will be used by the Logistics crew in the carnival grounds, while Gordon Marciano and Gary Sword will be this year's Liberation Day hosts.

Apatang also said that the U.S. Navy band from Guam will be coming over to join the parade. They will still ask Navy officials how many members will be arriving so they could arrange transportation and food for the band.

He said that they are also expecting most of the ethnic groups in the CNMI to participate in the float parade. They are also working on getting at least three lowboys for the Liberation Day Royal Court, which has a record 29 candidates.

This year also marks the 50th year of the commemoration of the Vietnam War where all who served will be honored as part of the activities. There are at least 30 Vietnam War veterans in the CNMI.

Skywalker Communications Group personnel are also busy visiting the three high schools on Saipan to ask for volunteers. They also announced that the fireworks display will be bigger this year and would last between 15 and 20 minutes. ***(Jon Perez)***



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Can Ukraine alone handle decades of Chernobyl cleanup? Probably not

Every day, Ukraine slogs through another day of dysfunction.

The death toll from the country's war with Kremlin-backed separatists in the east now tops 9,300, and there's no end in sight to the two-year conflict. Kiev's failure to make any headway with rampant corruption and an economy in shambles is why the country's embattled prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, had to step down last month. President Petro Poroshenko, a candy maker magnate, has been tarnished by Panama Papers revelations about offshore accounts he held in the British Virgin Islands.

It all points to a country far from ready take on the job as caretaker of the dangerous remnants of the world's worst nuclear disaster: In April 1986, an explosion and subsequent fire showered radioactive particles over much of the western part of the Soviet Union and Europe. Unlike Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant disaster in 2011, which caused enduring cancer fears but killed no one instantly, Chernobyl had an immediate death toll of 31.

For three decades, the Chernobyl site has been sealed but only with temporary, not permanent, protections. Finally, there's movement to contain it. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is about to put in place an already constructed $1.7 billion, 30,000-ton, hangarlike shell over what's left of the ruined Reactor 4. By November 2017, the giant arch-shaped enclosure — tall enough to house Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral — should become operational.

At that point, the EBRD and the more than 40 countries that have helped finance the structure are supposed to hand over to Kiev two crucial tasks: dismantling the concrete and steel sarcophagus hastily built by Soviet workers in 1986 to contain radiation emanating from the damaged reactor, and disassembling the reactor itself. Ukraine will also assume responsibility for disposing 200 tons of a lavalike mass of uranium, sand, boric acid and lead buried in the heart of the damaged reactor.

The most urgent task is dismantling the 30-year-old makeshift sarcophagus, which is showing signs of deterioration. Less of a priority is disposal of the reactor's uranium waste.

Made of steel cladding and a weblike network of trusses, the new protective shell was built to last 100 years. Nevertheless, Ukrainian officials have expressed doubts about their country's ability to shoulder the burden alone. Igor Gramotkin, Chernobyl's general director, told The Washington Post last month that nuclear waste disposal "is an extremely expensive process … and unfortunately, with the current economic situation in Ukraine, I don't think that we

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Mother's Day

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A friend often talks about how the Satawal men navigate the open seas while the mothers are left behind to suckle the young. When not listing in the rough winds and typhoons, boats often are in warfare at a drop of a slight, or a tarnishing of honor. Either way, mothers are the symbols of life while the men's seeding is best tested on the high seas odds.

American women took to vote almost a century ago, though suffragettes and feminists claimed their place in the social order long before the legal mandate to vote was passed in 1920.

However, the word "Mama" is universally uttered once a child learns to say, "mum mum" when the desire for milk strikes the abdomen. But women had not always received their due in social status. One of the enduring wonders of Malala Yousafzai's longevity (she resisted the Taliban's prescription against female education on the northern province of Pakistan for which she became the youngest recipient of the Nobel prize) is the fact that there are still many parts of the world whose patriarchy forbids woman liberal education. Women are trained in the rites and rituals of subservience to the male of the specie if trained at all.

Women's month was observed in March and though the glass ceiling still prevails in many corporate offices relative to female advancement in roles as well as equity in pay, matriarchy's deeply engrained in Micronesian society is no longer confined to breeding, but also to commensurate social responsibilities, income and status.

A female colleague on Saipan once kept her marital status "single" for the simply reason that she did not wish to have her family land tarnished by the CNMI legal requirement that once married, couples have joint conjugal properties. It is within the law that properties are joint when gained after the marriage began but she did not want to take any chances. She wanted her family's real estate to carry her name, while common law arrangements made her conjugal relations legit.

But that is not why we bother with Mother's Day, celebrated the second Sunday of May. This one is a modern celebration foisted on consumers to buy gifts and greeting cards, flowers and perfume, for one's own mother, not unsimilar to Father's Day when they get their tools, or their extra massage for the day, or to Sibling's day, Granny's, etc., all created compliments of the good folks at the Chamber of Commerce!

Of course, with the seeming naughtiness of the times (a rather mild description), where another colleague at a staff meeting on a heretofore controlled disease rearing its ugly head on island revealed that there are currently incidences of sample vials of perfumes sent through the postal service of poisonous substance masquerading as promotional product. Targeting Mother's Day, a proliferation of the dangerous materials allegedly abounds. How sick can a mind be? Added without evidence (not surprisingly), is the quick attribution to a violent arm of Islam. Duh!

This last one would qualify for the brothers' mother-effing word on the Westside of Chicago, surprisingly a part of our grade 1 students' vocab, thanks to the popular rap music they hear elders and the radio. They probably do not say it too often, but one boy had the f-word on the front of his class' workbook where I asked them to draw favored figures, finding some stay with the black-and-white style, and though erased on urging of a classmate, the telltale indentation remained visible.

Having lived in areas where the f-word was bantered up down sideward even in circles that considered it "chic" to be contemporary, the f-word does not have the sting our ears earlier had been trained to avoid.

Mothers added features. I watched the young child of a Pinas Mom alight out of a car from a visit to the park Sunday, and the lad not yet past Kindergarten was the last out of the back seat. He handed two electronic tablets to Mom, bounced empty-handed out of the car without any worries or responsibilities while Mom tagged along with the tablets, the child's backpack spilling out with toys, a smartphone, plus bags of groceries she and her husband pick-up on the way home while he carried the sleeping 2-year-old in his arms.

I think I missed that part of childrearing. I played Mr. Mom on the outskirt of DC to a program officer for the Agency for International Development at the State Department in the '90s. But that's another tale for the telling. For now, it is mothering of the female specie.

Good feelings toward Mom is the intent of the day, hopefully, enticing all to buy at slightly adjusted prices and deliberately enlarged sizes, the bouquet of roses with the matching box of chocolate nicely on display. Restaurant's seats are at a premium on Mom's Day.

My Mom at 95 years spends her remaining days at a hospice in Honolulu. Nursing a broken hipbone, she slumbers her days when my daughter goes calling. Mom really does not care to dine out anymore, but to me, Sunday will always be hers. To the Moms!

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Around the world, it's Clinton by a landslide

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Now that American voters are drawing a clearer outline of November's presidential contest, the rest of the world's opinion about who should become the next president of the United States is also turning crystal-clear. With a couple of notable exceptions, the verdict is all-but unanimous: Just about everywhere, people want Hillary Clinton to replace President Barack Obama.

That is the undeniable and overwhelming impression one hears when exploring opinions in different parts of the globe. I heard it asking individuals of a wide variety of backgrounds while traveling in several countries. But don't take my word for it.

A recent poll of people in 20 countries — the G20 group of the world's largest economies — confirmed it. In all the countries polled, Clinton beat Trump by wide margins. The only exception was Russia, where Trump beats Clinton by more than 20 points when pollsters asked whom they want to see as the next U.S. president. In China, there's ambivalence.

Everywhere else, Clinton outpolled Trump by enormous margins: in Mexico she beat him by 54 percent, in South Korea by 37, in France by 30, in Japan by 27. The list goes on with similar results from South America to East Asia.

Now that it seems increasingly like the election will pit Clinton against Donald Trump, the whole world is really watching, and the overwhelming reaction is widespread rejection of Trump in most quarters, along with palpable enthusiasm for the prospect of a Clinton presidency.

The distinct sentiment I encountered matches the findings of another survey in which pollsters asked Europeans how they would feel if each of the top candidates won the election. Europeans chose Clinton as their favorite by a landslide. The main feelings they predicted for themselves if Clinton becomes president: relieved, optimistic, happy. If Trump wins: afraid, disappointed, sad.

I found that combination of anticipation and apprehension in conversations in Arab states, where I was surprised to see positive sentiment for Clinton not only among women, which I expected, but also among men, and among people of all ages. I've heard the same in conversations with Asians, Europeans and Latin Americans.

In Israel, where most people believe President Obama's foreign policy, particularly his nuclear deal with Iran, made them less safe, Clinton is also the top choice according to surveys, even though she helped lay the ground for the Iran deal.

Over the years I have probed global opinions about U.S. elections, but have never found the combination I see today, near-uniform excitement for one candidate and utter disdain combined with fear for another.

In 1999, during the Bush vs. Gore campaign, I asked Fidel Castro if he had a favorite. He told me he did, but said he would not reveal it because his endorsement would hurt his preferred candidate. He had a point.

The endorsement of foreigners, even when they're not controversial figures, has an odd effect on American voters. John Kerry had to downplay his international appeal. This time, however, the respected weekly The Economist declared a Trump presidency one of the top risks to global stability. Clinton could benefit from noting that practically the entire world wants her to become president.

While Obama's social views hold great appeal, particularly in Europe, and he is personally liked, his foreign policy is a different matter.

Millions of Europeans are deeply disappointed with Obama, and their complaints line up with some of Clinton's own disagreements with the president. Some in Europe blame Obama's failure to act in Syria for the refugee crisis. Obama's reluctance to use force and his rapprochement with Iran irks Washington's Arab allies.

After George W. Bush's militaristic foreign policy and Obama's pendulum swing to other end, Clinton is perceived as potentially the Goldilocks president, not too hot, not too cold. If current sentiment holds and Clinton becomes president, she could face a problem Obama encountered: living up to outsize expectations.

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can carry this out without international support."

Even 30 years after Reactor 4 erupted in a massive plume of radiation and steam, Chernobyl continues to require deft, meticulous oversight — and will for many years. So far, the international community has followed the right blueprint for managing the dangers posed by the site. The shell this partnership of bankers and governments has built is an engineering marvel: An elaborate ventilation and humidity control system will prevent corrosion. To safeguard construction workers and technicians from radiation exposure, the whole structure was built adjacent to the site and will be gently wheeled into place over Reactor 4 later this year.

Spent fuel from Chernobyl's two other reactors will be encased in concrete capsules and housed at a new storage facility built by a U.S. company. A nearby waste treatment plant will process and store the site's liquid radioactive waste. The funding of both of those projects was managed by the EBRD.

But the job won't be finished until Reactor 4 is safely taken apart and its dangerous core of nuclear waste is safely removed.

Ukraine, though, is neck-deep in an existential agenda: resurrecting a moribund economy, weaning itself from a culture of corruption and resolving the conflict in the east. If the Ukranians want help coping with the delicate last phase of making Chernobyl as safe as possible, they should get it.

Washington is part of the partnership that financed the protective shell. Now isn't the time for that partnership to collapse or fade away.

The world didn't cause Chernobyl, but the world is stuck with its legacy. We hope the Obama administration, and its successors, exert the diplomacy and pay the relatively modest costs to keep this dangerous site sealed, in perpetuity.

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Why 'gender neutral' is a better way to pee

By SUSAN STRYKER
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Everyone poops, as Taro Gomi's children's book by that title has long reminded us, and everyone pees, transgender and gender-nonconforming people included. That's nature. Sex-segregated public toilets, on the other hand, are unnatural social constructs — human inventions that organize our bodily functions according to cultural scripts. They are built environments that change in response to shifting mores, economic considerations and political pressures.

Since the Supreme Count ruled in favor of same-sex marriage last year, we have seen a significant backlash against LGBT rights. The recent passage of discriminatory legislation in North Carolina has received the bulk of media attention, but in the first few months of 2016, legislatures in 22 states introduced bills that seek to roll back equal rights, with transgender people often singled out for especially harsh treatment. Prurient fantasies of men masquerading in dresses to stalk sexual prey in the ladies' room are trotted out in support of laws preventing transgender people from using restrooms that match their appearance and identity.

Our culture is in the midst of a profound reevaluation of how we understand gender, and public toilets have long been sites for staging anxieties about such social change. In 19th- and early 20th-century cities, the proliferation of gender-segregated public toilets depended not just on the development of modern sanitation infrastructure, but on the movement of women into the public realm as wage-earners, consumers and voters. Jim Crow laws segregated public toilets by race until the civil rights movements of the 1960s abolished that practice. The Equal Rights Amendment went down to defeat in the 1970s in part because of the non-existent threat of "unisex toilets." In the '80s, the AIDS crisis provoked alarmed visions of straight men becoming infected with HIV by sharing public toilets with gay men. In the '90s, the Americans with Disabilities Act mandated equal access for the disabled. The latest "bathroom bills" are simply another front in the battle over who will be accommodated in the public sphere.

Unjust laws like those passed in North Carolina and elsewhere must be challenged, but they also invite us to consider long-term solutions. With Joel Sanders, a New York-based architect, I've been documenting existing gender-neutral public-toilet strategies and proposing even more radically accessible facilities.

One simple and already common approach is to designate the few single-stall toilets in a building or a public space — facilities originally meant for the disabled or for families — as "gender neutral." But this solution still leaves traditional men's and women's rooms intact. It segregates transgender people, and we all know separate isn't equal. Changing the signage on single-stall restrooms is easy, but it doesn't address the underlying social structures that created unequal bathroom access in the first place.

Another strategy that's catching on in some places, including the Cooper Union art school in New York, is to designate all restrooms as gender neutral, and distinguish them only by signs that describe the plumbing fixtures behind the closed doors — "restroom with stalls," or "restroom with stalls and urinals." But this, too, is more a stop-gap measure than a long term solution.

In the restaurant at New York's Museum of Modern Art, the public restroom is entirely gender-neutral and desegregated. It is a single space, divided by a central circulation corridor into two parallel zones: one dedicated to washing, with sinks and mirrors, and the other dedicated to eliminating, with private stalls fitted with floor-to-ceiling doors that have no peek-a-boo cracks. Gender nonconforming people are not forced to choose between two ill-fitting options; no one need worry about being in the "wrong" bathroom.

Other inventive gender-neutral designs place washing-up areas in plaza-like open spaces rather than behind closed doors, with water-features inspired by Roman fountains and semi-screened areas for adjusting clothing, styling hair and fixing makeup at mirrors of varying heights. The toilets are in private enclosures of various sizes, some for individuals, others for dads who need to change their daughter's diapers or disabled people who need the aid of their attendants.

Contrary to popular fears, mixed-gender restrooms, which increase bathroom occupancy, are safer than single-sex ones. They reduce the chances of someone ending up alone with a predator in an out-of-the-way ladies room. Some contemporary public toilet designs take the safety-through-visibility strategy even further by abolishing any clear boundaries between open space and secluded chambers. New pissoirs in San Francisco's Dolores Park block public view of the act of elimination while allowing the person performing that act to remain in sight.

These new concepts accommodate emerging expressions of gender as well as a variety of other needs. They challenge outdated ideas. There is no reason public toilets should enforce gender norms that serve some but oppress others. Just as we ended the racial segregation of public toilets in the past, and expanded access for a wide range of physical abilities, so too can we design truly inclusive public restrooms that serve gender diversity and justice, safety and sanitation.

Everyone poops, and everyone pees, but no one should be stigmatized or criminalized when they answer nature's call.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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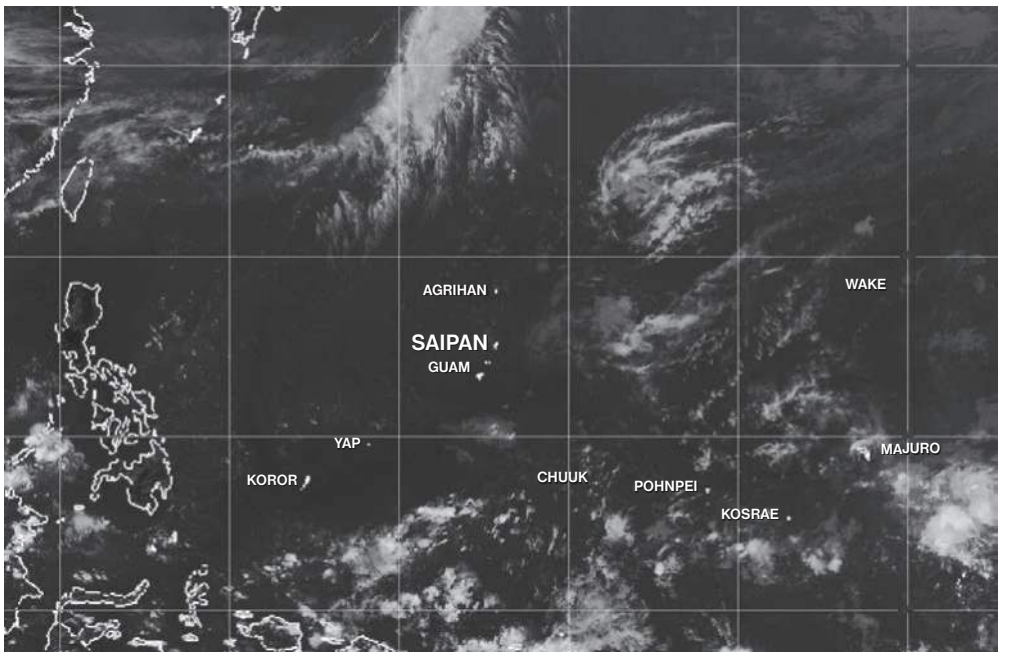

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front runs southwestward from northeast of Wake Island across 25N172E to end northeast of the Marianas at 22N160E. A thunderstorm is near 24N154E while cloudiness with patchy showers is seen along and up to 200 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough east of Saipan is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 17N and 14N from 149E to 155E. A trade-wind disturbance southeast of Koror is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 60 miles of a line from 5N142E to 2N137E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well south of Guam within 25 miles of a line from 11N144E to 9N147E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are south of Kosrae between 4N and 2N from 160E to 166E near Majuro between 8N and 4N from 168E to 176E and east of Tarawa or east of a line from 4N175E to EQ175E.

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Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼78
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼61
Beijing	Sunny	▲83	▼52
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼76
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼73
London	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼53
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲96	▼79
Melbourne	Windy	▲72	▼57
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼68
New York	Showers	▲54	▼49
Osaka	Sunny	▲74	▼59
Paris	Sunny	▲68	▼48
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼59
Rome	Showers	▲73	▼52
Salem	Cloudy	▲68	▼50
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼53
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Tokyo	Sunny	▲76	▼57
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12:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
7:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
1:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
7:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:22 AM	5:01 PM
Friday	5:13 AM	6:03 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	7:06 PM
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UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

OZ1077	4:40am	7:10am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ1157	4:00am	6:40am	1, 4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
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UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
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UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
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UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
OZ1078	9:25pm	1:45am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ1167	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

AG's Cup competition will be on handguns

The Office of the Attorney General will hold its 32nd Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition on May 6, starting 9am at the CNMI Supreme Court courtroom.

This year, a total of seven high schools will be participating in the competition: Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Mt. Carmel School, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas Baptist Academy, Dr. Rita H. Inos High School (Rota), and Northern Marianas Academy.

The 32nd annual competition focuses on the topic of handguns, "Should the CNMI permit individuals to carry handguns on their person in public?" Those in favor are asked to argue whether individuals should be required to conceal the handgun, whether individuals should be required to carry the handgun open ad in plain sight, or whether individuals should be permitted to choose whether to conceal or openly carry the handgun.

Manibusan

In addition, outline any restrictions you would impose on individuals seeking to carry handguns in public. Those who oppose will provide an argument in defense of this position.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan said, "This is highly debated issue in the CNMI and I look forward to hearing the students argue on the issue."

The Attorney General's Cup grants high school students in the CNMI the opportunity to research on the topic provided for by the Attorney General's office. Students are required to prepare the speech and sharpen their communication skills.

Students spend months preparing for the event and the groundwork is evident when the students deliver their speeches on the day of the competition. The Marianas High school broadcasting production group will perform the video production of the Attorney General's Cup, and local radio station KKMP will provide live streaming of the speech competition.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas. who is a member of the steering committee, states, "I am pleased with the support and cooperation of MHS broadcasting group and to Mr. Gary Sword of KKMP. Through this collaboration, more students and the general public will be able to appreciate accomplishments of the student speakers in this year's AG's Cup."

The Office of the Attorney General welcomes the public to attend the speech competition and support the students of the CNMI on May 6, 9am at the Supreme Court courtroom. For more information on AG's Cup, please contact Carla Torres at 237-7500. ***(PR)***

'16 MMAC teams announce fundraising events this week

The following are some fundraising events this week by different teams that will be participating in the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer on May 13 and 14 at the Hopwood Junior High School Grounds in Chalan Piao:

■ Team Lady Diann Torres Foundation/Northern Marianas College: Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour Fundraiser tonight from 5pm to 9pm at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill in Susupe. Entrance fee is $15 with live entertainment and open mic night will be giving away great raffle prizes.

■ Team BSI/Chacha Lancheros: Hot Lunch Fundraiser tomorrow, May 6, from 11am to 2pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe. The menu is red rice, beef steak, sukiyaki, koko, and comes with water. Delivery is available for orders of four or more.

■ Team Bodig: Coin Drive Fundraiser tomorrow, Friday, from 3:30pm to 6pm at the San Jose intersection in Beach Road.

■ Team Mariana Resort & Spa/Hopwood Junior High School will have a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Saturday, May 7, at the Mariana Country Club in Marpi. Showtime is at 11am while tee-off will be an hour after. Entrance fee is $80 with the banquet to be held at the Mariana Resort's poolside. A $25 fee for banquet guests will be collected with great raffle prizes.

■ Joeten Dolphins will feature the play based on the movie *Hairspray* with Marianas High School students as actors and in collaboration with Friends of the Arts. The show is for three nights, from May 12 to 14 all at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe. Tickets are $10 for adults, $6 for FOA members, and $4 for students. Refreshments will also be sold to help fundraise for MMAC.

■ Team Tan Holdings/Kagman High School: Sale of exclusive *Just Beat It* dri-fit shirts at $15 each that comes with one raffle ticket for a chance to win one round-trip ticket to Manila via Philippine Airlines Express. Tickets are also sold separately for $5 each. Other prizes will be given away. ***(PR)***

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Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-010

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Playground Equipment

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply, Delivery and Installation of Playground Equipment, Tanapag Children's Park**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **April 28, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 16, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Project Site, located at Tanapag Children's Park, Tanapag, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 18, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-16-IFB-010**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 03, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 03, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 03, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **June 13, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, June 15, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, June 03, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **PETER P. CAMACHO**
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
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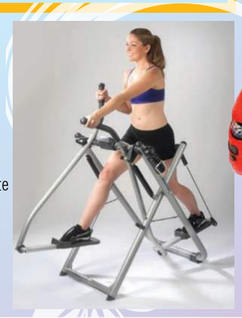

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Public comment requested on transfer of submerged lands

WASHINGTON, D.C— The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with NOAA Fisheries and the CNMI government, is requesting public comment on a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Northern Islands Submerged Lands Transfer to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Draft EA was developed in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the CNMI government. The public comment period is open from May 4 to June 6, 2016.

"This Draft Environmental Assessment is the product of true cooperation and partnership between the CNMI Government and our federal counterparts, NOAA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is one that I believe is in best interest of the CNMI people and the proper conservation of our precious resources in the Northern Islands," said Governor Ralph Torres. "I thank all those involved in this process up to this point and I encourage the community to review this document and submit comments during this period."

Two alternatives are proposed in the Draft EA: a no transfer alternative and a preferred alternative that would result in the U.S. Department of the Interior conveying the submerged lands to the CNMI Government through a patent with a conservation easement that would continue to protect the submerged lands as part of the Monument.

The draft released today includes a Memorandum of Agreement outlining roles and responsibilities of the CNMI Government, NOAA Fisheries, and the Service for protecting the Monument and managing the submerged lands. It also includes the patent, which would ultimately transfer the land to CNMI after 60-days of Congressional review.

"The Monument is home to many different important species. The coral ecosystems that ring the islands of Farallon de Pajaros (Uracas), Maug, and Asuncion contain the widest diversity of stony corals in the Western Pacific," said the Service's Pacific Region Regional Director Robyn Thorson. "The Service is committed to working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to manage the biological resources of the Monument."

The submerged lands are among some of the most biologically diverse in the Western Pacific Ocean, with relatively pristine coral reef ecosystems that have been proclaimed objects of scientific interest and reserved for their protection as part of the Monument's Islands Unit, by Presidential Proclamation 8335. The Monument was established for the purpose of protecting the submerged volcanic areas of the Mariana Ridge; the marine environment around the islands of Farallon de Pajaros (Uracas), Maug, and Asuncion in the CNMI; and the Mariana Trench.

"NOAA Fisheries closely collaborated with our partners in this process and look forward to continuing strong relationships as we work together to keep these incredible underwater natural resources sustainable and resilient," said Michael Tosatto, NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands regional administrator.

The Draft EA is available for public review and comment here: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/mariana_trench_marine_national_monument/. ***(PR)***

WHAT TO DO
IF A WILDFIRE APPROACHES
1 Call for help - 911 or 664-9003/4
2 Close all entrances, windows and other openings. Close shutters, heavy drapes, blinds and any other window coverings. This action is recommended to prevent sparks from blowing inside your house and igniting there.
3 Dress to protect yourself. Wear cotton clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.
4 Have tools and water accessible. Have a ladder, shovel, rake, and long water hose available. fill buckets and other bulk containers with water.
5 Wet down the roof. If your roof can burn, wet it down with a hose.
6 Prepare your vehicles. Back as many vehicles as possible into the garage, then close the door. In the event you evacuate, close the garage door behind you as you leave. If you don't have a garage or its full, park vehicles so they are heading in the direction of the evacuation route.
7 Evacuate the family. If evacuation becomes necessary, take your family and pets to a safe location.
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Lean Prune shrubs and cut back tree branches. Large trees and shrubs should be pruned so that the lowest branches are at least 6-10 feet above the ground to prevent a fire spreading from the ground to the tree tops.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CUC: Limited water service in Garapan

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in the Garapan area will experience limited water service hours due to a damaged high production well pump and motor.

CUC water personnel are scheduled to replace the damaged pump and motor today, May 5, 2016. Due to the failed water pump, alternative water supply will be temporarily diverted from another area.

CUC advised that residents in the areas of Garapan Hotel Street to YCO True Value Hardware are scheduled to receive water from 7:30am to 9:30am and residents in the areas of Middle Road to the Gualo Rai Intersection are scheduled from 9:30am to 11:30am, until the completion of the repairs. Upon completion, customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of regular water service.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

Garapan Fishing Dock beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged Garapan Fishing Dock beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from the location contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(PR)***

KHS Senior Parents Meeting today

Kagman High School will be hosting the Senior Parents Meeting today, May 5, from 5pm to 6pm at the KHS cafeteria. The meeting will talk about all the important dates for KHS' graduating seniors. We encourage all parents of graduating seniors to attend the meeting. ***(PR)***

KagES now accepting kindergarten registration

Kagman Elementary School is now accepting new application for kindergarten for school year 2016-2017. Registration for kindergarten has started on April 11 and will end on May 13, 2016. Kindergarten registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please come to KagES main office from 8:30am to 3:30pm to register your child.

The following documents are needed to complete the student registration process:

- Complete Registration Form (required)
- Student Health Certificate (original/required)
- Legal Guardianship/Power of Attorney (if applicable)

Please note: Any child may be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of a school year if the child's 5th birthday occurs on or before Sept. 30 of the school year for which the application is made. ***(PR)***

Nation

Trump virtually clinches GOP presidential nomination

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—In a stunning triumph for a political outsider, Donald Trump all but clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday with a resounding victory in Indiana that knocked rival Ted Cruz out of the race and cleared Trump's path to a likely November face-off with Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Trump still needs about 200 delegates to formally secure the nomination, but Cruz's decision to end his campaign removed his last major obstacle.

"Ted Cruz—I don't know if he likes me or he doesn't like me—but he is one hell of a competitor," Trump said of his last fierce competitor whom he had dubbed "lyin' Ted." Trump, in a victory speech that was much lower-key than usual, promised victory in November, vowing anew to put "America first."

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Texas Sen. Ted Cruz ended his presidential campaign Tuesday, eliminating the biggest impediment to Donald Trump's march to the Republican nomination.

The conservative tea party firebrand who tried to cast himself as the only viable alternative to Trump ended his campaign after a stinging defeat in Indiana's Republican primary.

"It appears that path has been foreclosed," Cruz told supporters in Indianapolis. "Together, we left it all on the field of Indiana. We gave it everything we've got, but the voters chose another path, and so with a heavy heart but with boundless optimism for the long-term future of our nation, we are suspending our campaign."

Had he succeeded in his quest, Cruz would have been the first U.S. president of Hispanic descent, although he often downplayed his heritage on the campaign trail, instead, touting the need for tougher immigration laws, for a border wall along the border with Mexico, protecting gun rights, repealing President Barack Obama's health care law and instituting a flat tax.

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Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders eked out a victory over Clinton in Indiana, but the outcome will not slow the former secretary of state's march to the Democratic nomination. Heading into Tuesday's voting, Clinton had 92 percent of the delegates she needs.

"I know that the Clinton campaign thinks this campaign is over. They're wrong," Sanders said defiantly in an interview Tuesday night. But Clinton already has turned her attention to the general election.

She and Trump now plunge into a six- month battle for the presidency, with the future of America's immigration laws, health care system and military posture around the world at stake. While Clinton heads into the general election with significant advantages with minority voters and women, Democrats have vowed to not underestimate Trump as his Republican rivals did for too long.

Previewing Clinton's general election message, top adviser John Podesta said Trump was "simply too big of a risk" to be president.

For months, Republican leaders considered him a fringe candidate and banked on voters shifting toward more traditional contenders. But Trump tapped into Republicans' deep anger with party leaders and outlasted more than a dozen experienced political rivals.

Party Chairman Reince Priebus declared the race over, saying on Twitter that Trump would be the GOP's presumptive nominee.

"We all need to unite and focus on defeating @HillaryClinton," he wrote.

Indeed, Trump's first challenge will be uniting a Republican Party that has been roiled by his candidacy. While some GOP leaders have warmed to the real estate mogul, others have promised to never vote for him and see him as a threat to their party's very existence.

Indiana primary

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World

US defense secretary says Russia is 'nuclear saber-rattling'

STUTTGART, Germany (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter blasted what the U.S. and its allies see as Russian aggression in Europe, saying Tuesday that Moscow is "going backward in time" with warlike actions that compel an American military buildup on NATO's eastern flank.

"We do not seek to make Russia an enemy," Carter said at a ceremony to install a new head of the military's U.S. European Command and top NATO commander in Europe. "But make no mistake: We will defend our allies, the rules-based international order, and the positive future it affords us," he said.

Carter's remarks reflect U.S. aggravation with Moscow on multiple fronts, including its intervention in eastern Ukraine, its annexation of Crimea in 2014 and what Carter called Russian efforts to intimidate its Baltic neighbors—countries the United States is treaty-bound to defend because they are NATO members.

Carter said the "most disturbing" Russian rhetoric was about using nuclear weapons.

"Moscow's nuclear saber-rattling raises troubling questions about Russia's leaders' commitment to strategic stability, their respect for norms against the use of nuclear weapons, and whether they respect the profound caution that nuclear-age leaders showed with regard to brandishing nuclear weapons," he said.

The end of the Cold War with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 was thought to have virtually ended the prospect of nuclear conflict with Moscow. But the speeches at Tuesday's change-of-command ceremony emphasized the possibility of history repeating itself, or at least ending a period of warmer U.S.-Russian relations.

Senior White House officials said the U.S. and its partners were shifting into a new phase focused on military deterrence to Moscow. Additional NATO forces that will rotate through countries on Russia's eastern flank will be enough to defend NATO countries if Russia were to attack, said the officials, who requested anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

To that end, the U.S. plans to add a third U.S. Army combat brigade in Europe in the coming year as part of a $3.4 billion initiative, Carter said. On Monday, he said NATO is considering establishing a continuous rotation of up to 4,000 troops in the Baltic states and possibly Poland.

That force, which could include some U.S. troops, is among options expected to be considered at a NATO defense meeting in June. U.S. officials said they were encouraging other NATO members to commit troops to the force as well.

But U.S. attempts to control or direct Russia haven't fared well. The U.S has been unable to end Russia's occupation of parts of Ukraine and support for separatist rebels. And Washington is desperately seeking Moscow's help to enforce a cease-fire in Syria between the Russian-backed government and Western-supported rebels, and eventually usher President Bashar Assad out of power.

On both fronts, the United States has been running into brick walls with the Russians.

U.S. officials said that they had "explicitly compartmentalized" the various issues the U.S. is discussing with Russia. Yet it's unlikely that Russia's government sees it that way.

Northern Syrian city of Aleppo dragged deeper into violence

BEIRUT (AP)—A maternity hospital in a government-held section of Aleppo was struck by rocket fire Tuesday as battles killed 20 people and dragged the contested city in northern Syria deeper into chaos for a 12th straight day.

The new bloodshed came as the diplomatic focus moved to Moscow, where the U.N. envoy for Syria raced to restore a partial cease-fire in the civil war that would include Aleppo.

The envoy, Staffan de Mistura, met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, one day after meeting U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Geneva.

"We need to make sure the cessation of hostilities is brought back on track," de Mistura said.

Aleppo has been at the center of the conflict for the past two weeks, shattering a limited cease-fire that began in late February. Tuesday's attack on the Dubeet hospital in the government-held central Muhafaza neighborhood that killed four people echoed an airstrike on a hospital on the rebel-held side of the city that killed about 50 civilians nearly a week ago.

About 280 civilians have died in the city in the last 12 days, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a monitoring group of local activists.

Rebel shelling of the government side of the city killed 20 people and injured 100, according to Mohammad Hazzouri, the head of the city's Health Directorate. The Observatory said 19 had died.

The shelling sent panicked residents fleeing from the streets. Many shuttered their businesses and hurried either to pick up children from schools or return home.

A priest at the Arab Evangelical Church offered a bitter appraisal of the reality.

"Aleppo is being slaughtered from vein to vein," the Rev. Ibrahim Nseir told The Associated Press by telephone from the government-held part of Aleppo. "To all those who consider themselves in favor of human rights, I say that there are no more rights, and no more humans."

Activists reported government bombardment killed two civilians and wounded several others on the rebel side.

Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi warned rebels they would face harsh retaliation for shelling civilian areas, saying the government's "patience is running out, and if they don't stop targeting civilians in the coming hours ... they will pay a high price."

Direct clashes between government and rebel forces on Aleppo's outskirts accompanied the shelling inside, foreshadowing a full-scale conflict unless a cease-fire is negotiated.

An opposition media activist outside Aleppo said rebels were waging a counteroffensive against pro-government forces on the western side of the city.

Nazeer al-Khatib said government forces attacked the rebels first, prompting rebel factions, headed by the Nour el-Din al-Zinki brigade, to retaliate.

"The revolutionaries launched a counteroffensive against the regime, on a building called the Family House," al-Khatib said.

He could not confirm reports that the rebels had taken over the compound, a former mall that has turned into a front-line position in the suburb of New Aleppo.

Maj. Jamil Saleh, leader of Tajammu Al-Ezzah army, said his group was fighting in Aleppo. The rebel group, which falls under the Free Syrian Army and has been vetted and receives support by the U.S., ordinarily wages battles in the central province of Hama and in rural Latakia.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)

For Saipan Adventure Tours

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Saipan Adventure Tours is requesting to rezone Lot 10 G 18 in Kagman from "Village Residential" to "Public Resource" zoning district to operate a skydiving landing area with community related activities such as baseball or soccer. This lot is located at the back of the Kagman Community Center, along Kagman Road.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: **May 12, 2016**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Place: **Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr. Joeten Dandan Bldg.**

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, May 11, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 04/28/16 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-1360 (Amendment): Castle Project (CNMI), LLC has proposed to amend its Conditional Use Permit to renovate and utilize an additional existing warehouse structure (Building E) formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15, 030 B 13, and 030 B 18. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2016-1487: Armatech Corp is proposing to operate a shop for motor rewinding services. This use is classified as "Gas Station, Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lots 013 H 13 and 013 H 12, along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

Rezone Application #2016-1268 (Change of Zoning District): Saipan Adventure Tours is requesting to rezone Lot 10 G 18 in Kagman from "Village Residential" to "Public Resource" zoning district to operate a skydiving landing area with community related activities such as baseball or soccer. This lot is located at the back of the Kagman Komunidat Center, along Kagman Road.

C. Communications
D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Election of Zoning Board Officers
2. Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

ASIAN BRIEFS

Filipino militants threaten 3 hostages after beheading 1

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Muslim militants have threatened to kill three more hostages in their jungle base in the southern Philippines more than a week after beheading a Canadian man after they failed to get a huge ransom demand by a deadline. In a video circulated Tuesday by the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi websites, the captives from Canada, Norway and the Philippines pleaded for the Canadian and Philippine governments to heed the Abu Sayyaf militants' demand. Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad says that if the demand is not met, "we will be executed like our friend John." Abu Sayyaf gunmen beheaded John Ridsdel on April 25 in the southern Philippine province of Sulu. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau condemned the brutal killing but vowed not to give in to the kidnappers' ransom demand.

Senator alarmed by PH candidate's plan on guerrillas

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine senator expressed alarm Tuesday over a presidential frontrunner's plan to allow communist guerrillas to play a political role in the government if he wins, saying this would cause rumblings within the military. In his latest controversial remark, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte told reporters his administration would be an all-inclusive one in which communist guerrillas could take part in decision-making. He had earlier expressed openness to a coalition with revolutionary forces but later clarified that an all-inclusive government might be better so as not antagonize the military and police. Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, a former navy officer, told reporters the military, which has a history of failed coup attempts, could get restive if Duterte wins the presidential race and considers giving political concessions to the rebels.

Taliban threats force Afghan boy, fan of Messi, into exile

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The family of a 5-year-old Afghan boy who received autographed shirts from his soccer hero Lionel Messi was forced to leave Afghanistan amid constant telephone threats and a menacing Taliban letter, the boy's father said Tuesday. Mohammad Arif Ahmadi—whose son grabbed headlines when he was photographed wearing a homemade Argentina shirt with No. 10 on the back—said they have moved to neighboring Pakistan and settled in the city of Quetta, hoping for a better life there. "Life became a misery for us," said Ahmadi, speaking to The Associated Press over the telephone from Quetta. He added that the family didn't want to leave Afghanistan, but the threats were just getting more and more serious.

Environment

Gaza sewage crisis, festering in conflict, poisons coast

By FARES AKRAM and DANIELLA CHESLOW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHATI REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP)—Each day, millions of gallons of raw sewage pour into the Gaza Strip's Mediterranean beachfront, spewing out of a metal pipe and turning miles of once-scenic coastline into a stagnant dead zone.

The sewage has damaged Gaza's limited fresh water supplies, decimated fishing zones, and after years of neglect, is now floating northward and affecting Israel as well, where a nearby desalination plant was forced to shut down, apparently due to pollution.

"It's certain that Gaza Strip's beaches are completely polluted and unsuitable for swimming and entertainment, especially in the summer," said Ahmed Yaqoubi of the Palestinian Water Authority.

Environmentalists and international aid organizations say that if the problem isn't quickly addressed, it could spell even more trouble on both sides of the border.

But while Israel has a clear interest in Gazans repairing their water infrastructure, that would likely require it to ease restrictions on the import of building materials—which it fears the territory's Hamas rulers could divert for military purposes—and increase the amount of electricity it sells to Gaza.

Poor sewage treatment in Gaza is the result of a rapidly expanding population, an infrastructure damaged during wars with Israel and a chronic shortage of electricity to run the wastewater plants that still function. In 2007, a sewage reservoir overflowed in a village in northern Gaza, drowning five people.

An Israeli blockade that has restricted imports, coupled with Palestinian infighting and mismanagement by the Hamas-run government, has compounded the problems for the enclave's 1.8 million residents. Israel and Egypt have maintained a blockade of Gaza since Hamas, an Islamic militant group committed to Israel's destruction, seized power in 2007.

Nasser Abu Saif said he was once happy to live in a beachfront apartment in Shati refugee camp. Now, he avoids swimming in the fetid water near his house.

"There are mosquitoes in the summer and even in the winter," he said. "It makes our lives unpleasant."

Several aid groups have attempted to solve the sewage problem.

Steen Jorgensen, country director for the World Bank in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said the fatal sewage flood spurred his office to build a $73 million sewage treatment plant nine years ago. He said the facility, meant to treat at least one-fifth of Gaza's sewage, would already be operational if it had a reliable power supply.

Disagreements between Hamas and the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority over fuel taxes have left Gaza's only power plant functioning at reduced capacity. Electricity from neighboring Israel and Egypt help alleviate the shortages, but usually there are only six to eight hours of power each day.

"That's just not reliable enough for a sewage plant," said Jorgensen. He said foreign donors, including the United States, have offered to fund a power supply to the plant, but he said Israel has not agreed to run a dedicated electricity line. Other options have not been found.

COGAT, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian affairs, said Israel supplies 125 to 140 megawatts of power a day to the Gaza Strip. "The decision of distributing the electricity falls under the responsibility of the Palestinians," COGAT wrote. In all, Gaza needs some 400 megawatts for its daily needs.

AP

In this Tuesday, April 12, 2016 photo, Sewage flows from an outlet into the sea in front of Shati refugee camp in Gaza City.

Jorgensen said the World Bank plans to start running the plant in the coming months using backup diesel generators, which will increase the cost and leave sewage treatment vulnerable to fuel shortages. He said the plant will also have solar panels, but they will only generate a fraction of the needed power.

"If we don't get this operational, then I think it's going to be very hard to raise money for other necessary projects in Gaza," Jorgensen said.

The German state-owned development bank KfW has funded the $20 million rehabilitation of an older sewage plant in Gaza, according to Jonas Blume, director of its West Bank office. Blume said the plant can only run half-days due to lack of power.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August on an additional facility in central Gaza that could handle the sewage of up to 1 million people, Blume added. But he said Israeli security restrictions have slowed the work.

"At the end we get most of the material in, but it's a struggle, it takes time, and it causes delay, which leads to extra costs," he said.

COGAT said deliveries of cement and wood have been suspended or slowed because Hamas diverts materials for "terror" purposes.

The delays in sewage treatment are exacerbating a water crisis. Years of overdrawing Gaza's underground aquifer have allowed seawater to infiltrate into its only source of drinking water. Sewage flows into the aquifer as well.

"We can say that 100 percent of the water is not potable," said the Water Authority's Yaqoubi. More than 150 private water purification businesses have proliferated across Gaza to offer clean drinking water, he said.

Eitemad Abu Khader lives with her four daughters in a cinderblock home surrounded by corrugated zinc north of Gaza City. Sewage collects in huge ponds next to their neighborhood. Abu Khader said she cannot afford purified water. Instead, she and her daughters drink tap water and bear the consequences.

"I spend my time from doctor to doctor, hospital to hospital," she said. "My daughters always have rashes."

On a recent afternoon, her oldest daughter, six-year-old Fayza, sat scratching her arm as insects hovered around them.

There are signs that the problem is now beginning to affect Israel.

Israeli Water Authority spokeswoman Ilana Keren said a desalination plant near Ashkelon, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) north of Gaza, was shut in January and February "because of the quality of the raw water."

In a statement, Israel's Environment Ministry said it closely monitors the Gaza sewage situation. Most of the waste is consumed by algae but a buildup of algae can block filters at the desalination plant, it said, adding that a recent check of the water quality off Ashkelon found the beaches suitable for bathing.

Gidon Bromberg, the Israeli director of the environmental group EcoPeace Middle East, said "there's no doubt" that waste from Gaza caused the plant's problems. "There's no other source," he said.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC.,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0345
Plaintiff,	:	SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
-v-	:	
CHARLOTTE S. VILLAGOMEZ	:	
Defendant.	:	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE , LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED, this 12th day April, 2016 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Armatech Corp.

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Armatech Corp is proposing to operate a shop for motor rewinding services. This use is classified as "Gas Station, Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lots 013 H 13 and 013 H 12, along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

Date: May 12th, 2016, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, Wednesday, May 11, 2016 or via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , or US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Castle Project (CNMI) LLC.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Life & Style

Tinian: A place of eerie beauty

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

SAN JOSE, Tinian—Tinian, Saipan's next-door neighbor, is a place of raw beauty—a haven for those who want to go trekking. It is also a treasure throve of history, eerie sites that serve as a reminder of the horrors of World War II.

One can go take on the different trails—either by foot, mountain bike, or ATV— or swim at the crystal-clear waters of various beaches that can be found around the 39-square-mile island. Go snorkeling or diving and see different types of fish.

Above water, Tinian is also abundant in plants and trees but sadly the hotter climate we are experiencing due to the El Niño—that has also brought droughts in the Marshall Islands and Palau—has caused a portion of the land where vegetation grows to turn brown due to lack of rain.

Be also on the look out for the Tinian Monarch or the Tinian Flycatcher—but not to be confused with the monarch butterfly—an endemic species of bird that almost went extinct after Tinian's forests were either turned into agricultural land or for military facilities during World War II.

Sun and sea

One can also swim in a number of beaches around the island and cool off and enjoy the turquoise blue waters of the Pacific.

Kammer, Tachogna, and Taga beaches are among them and are more accessible as it is near the area where the San Jose Fiesta and Tinian Hot Pepper festivals are held. Tachogna is also a stone's throw away and has a pavilion and benches for public use.

Local residents and families enjoy weekend barbecues especially at Tachogna, which is also a perfect spot for snorkeling and swim with schools of fishes. Water sports also abound where you could rent jet skis and ride a banana boat.

If you want a sort of secluded place, you could check out Chulu Beach and try spearfishing or visit the Blow Hole and get blasted by waves that shoot up from a vertical shaft. You must be cautious while going to the Blow Hole as the path has sharp rocks and on your right side is a restricted area that still has live World War II bombs and ordnances.

A touch of history

The House of Taga and the Unai Dangkulo Petroglyph Site are among those included on the National Register of Historic Places list in the CNMI. They are remnants of the Chamorro people who lived there even before the European colonizers discovered the island chain.

The House of Taga is a historical site where latte stones—quarried limestone—were used by ancient Chamorros as stone pillars for their homes. The site was believed to be the original home of Chief Taga.

Tinian is also littered with structures and places that played an important role in ending the Second World War. Cannons used by Japanese soldiers, an amphibious vehicle, Ushi Point in the Northfield area where Allied troops landed to begin the liberation of the island.

Some of the sites give you an eerie feeling knowing that these have been part of one of the bloodiest battles during World War II where thousands died.

You can find the atomic bomb pits where the first ever weapon of mass destruction was loaded to two B-29 Superfortresses and separately dropped in the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki—"Little Boy" on Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945 and "Fat Man" on Bockscar three days later. The bombs where used to force Japan to surrender and cost thousands of lives.

The bomb pits are located in the old North Field where two air raid shelters, which still have bullet and mortar marks, can also be seen.

One can't help but wonder how the Japanese soldiers felt knowing that U.S. soldiers are right at their doorstep with death or surrender their only options.

Water blasts from the Blow Hole as strong waves crash on the undersea caves. JON PEREZ

A bird made this rocky portion of Tinian's Suicide Cliff its nesting ground. JON PEREZ

JON PEREZ
This bell tower is what remains of the old San Jose Catholic Church that was damaged during World War II.

JON PEREZ
One of the two atomic bomb pits were the weapons were loaded to B-29 Superfortresses and later dropped in the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

JON PEREZ
Air raid shelters provided safe haven for Japanese soldiers from the bombardment of U.S. forces.

Study: 'Biggest Loser' contestants have slower metabolisms

CHICAGO (AP)—A new study has found that many competitors on NBC's "The Biggest Loser" leave the show with a slower metabolism, making it more difficult to keep off the pounds.

The National Institutes of Health study finds that participants come out of the weight-loss reality competition burning about 500 fewer calories a day than expected. What's more, the contestants who drop the most weight see the greatest slowing of their metabolisms.

Researchers say many contestants experience substantial weight gain in the years after the show.

The results show "in the most extreme cases how strongly the body fights back," said lead author Kevin Hall, a researcher with the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Hall said 500 calories is the size of a big lunch and the results mean participants have to reduce their daily calorie intake by that much to avoid gaining weight. He said the study doesn't mean dieting is a lost cause but that show participants must change their lifestyles to fight weight gain.

The news isn't all bad for "Biggest Loser" competitors, however. The study notes that participants have been quite successful at long-term weight loss when compared to people in other intervention programs aimed at shedding weight.

The study was published this month in the journal Obesity . It involved 14 contestants from Season 8 who were evaluated six years after the competition ended in 2009.

Kai Hibbard, a Season 3 contestant who has criticized the show for what she calls drastic weight-loss methods, said the results came as no surprise.

"I really was dancing around my living room, screaming 'vindication'" when a friend texted her about the study, Hibbard said Tuesday from her home in Spokane, Washington.

AP

Kai Hibbard stands for a photograph at Sunset Park in Airway Heights, Wash., Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

Hibbard lost 118 pounds on the show nearly 10 years ago and has gained some but not all of it back. She was not part of the study and declined to reveal her weight.

Dr. Samuel Klein, a Washington University obesity researcher who wasn't involved in the study, said the results reflect limitations of the "Biggest Loser" dieting approach.

"Nothing is impossible, but it shows that it's very, very difficult. One year of aggressive therapy is really not enough," Klein said. "You really have to go into a lifelong plan."

Producers of the show released a written statement responding to the study, saying they "routinely re-evaluate to ensure all contestants receive the best care possible."

Former Prince assistant says he was healthy, energetic

NEW YORK (AP)—A former assistant to Prince until last year has spent the days since his death trying to figure out how her boss, whom she described as very healthy, could have died so suddenly, adding that she never saw him ingest any drugs during her employ.

Mariah Brown, 25, said Prince didn't even drink, and she never saw him take any pills, nor did she get any on his behalf.

"He was a very, very healthy person. ... That man has more energy than me, and anyone I know," she told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday.

She added: "The whole death didn't make sense to me. ... He never came across as sick, or anything like that. "

Prince was found dead April 21 at his compound in Chanhassen, Minnesota. Toxicology reports will not be available for weeks, but a law enforcement official has told the AP that investigators are looking into whether Prince died from an overdose and whether a doctor was prescribing him drugs in the weeks beforehand. The official has been briefed on the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

Prince had rescheduled concerts in the days before his death, citing illness.

Brown started working for Prince when she was referred by one of his friends who also worked with him. At the time, Brown was a 23-year-old model. . As his assistant, she brought him his food, bought his clothes and did other tasks non-celebrities do for themselves on a daily basis. She also toured with him in addition to managing his personal details.

"My experience with him was phenomenal; he's like no other," said Brown. "It was like magical."

Brown said she spent most of her days at Paisley Park: She might start at 1 p.m. and leave in the wee morning hours. He typically was working on his music but would sometimes spend hours talking to Brown and others, about anything.

She remembers him telling them "'there's no endings. You can do whatever you want, as long as you put your all into it.' ... The words 'can't' and 'no' never existed in his life."

Prince was the only person who lived at Paisley Park, but she and his band members spent so many hours there, he wasn't alone for most of the day. One moment he could be playing ping pong with his crew in fierce battle mode and the next he'd be at his sound stage.

And when the band or Brown would leave, he knew he could call them back and they'd be there.

"We would all stay about a mile up the road," she said. "It was one of those things where if he did call and needed something, we would go get it for him."

Brown recalls calling him "Uncle P." One time, after spending a month with Prince on the road in Europe, she was exhausted and tired, and just broke down into tears because of how much she had to do.

TV series focusing on drug lord 'El Chapo' in development

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The History Channel says it's developing a drama series focusing on the drug lord known as "El Chapo."

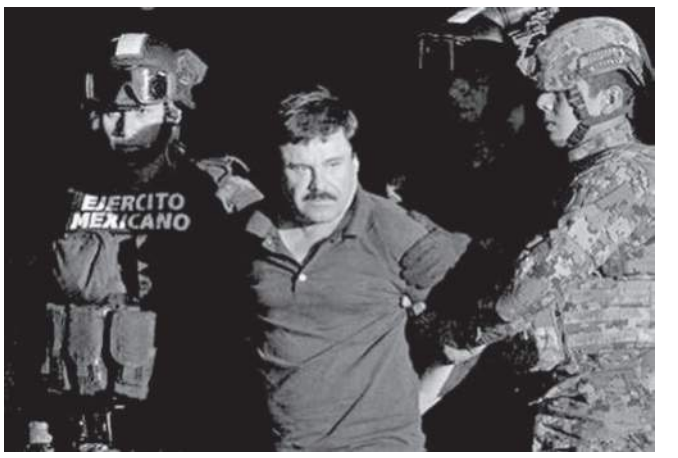
The series will explore global drug wars through Joaquin Guzman's story, the channel said. The drama's title is "Cartel," preceded by a hashtag.

A pilot script was ordered from writer-producer Chris Brancato, whose credits include Netflix's "Narcos," the History Channel said Tuesday.

Last year, Guzman had broken out of prison and was on the run when he had a secret meeting with Mexican actress Kate del Castillo and Sean Penn.

Penn wrote about it for Rolling Stone magazine.

Accounts have varied as to whether Guzman wanted to discuss a film based on his life or was intent on meeting del Castillo.



AP

In this Jan. 8, 2016 file photo, Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is escorted by army soldiers to a waiting helicopter, at a federal hangar in Mexico City, after he was recaptured from breaking out of a maximum security prison in Mexico.

Mexican officials said the unlikely meeting helped lead to Guzman's capture in January.

Friendship fades when girl's best friend gets a boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful, kindhearted, loving daughter "Cora" has a "best friend" she used to be very close with. However, her friend now has a boyfriend, so Cora doesn't see her on weekends or receive texts from her very often anymore. Everything they plan to do together, the girl cancels. My daughter is so distraught that it is affecting her emotionally and physically.

Cora has told her friend many times how she feels, but it has made no difference. Her friend promises her things and never follows through. My daughter suffers from social anxiety, so making a good friend is a rarity for her. I tell her I love her and that I'm always here for her, but although Cora sees a therapist, nothing seems to comfort her.

The school she attends stops accepting new students after ninth grade, so there is no chance of her meeting anybody new. We have tried having her join other activities, but they don't last. I'm desperate to help her. Any advice?

BROKENHEARTED MOM

DEAR MOM: If you haven't already, talk to Cora's therapist. There may be a medication that will help to lessen her intense social anxiety, or she may need a different therapist.

What's going on between your daughter and her former best friend isn't unusual. When romance intervenes, it is common for teenage girls to focus their attention and energy on the boyfriend and less on their girlfriends. Expecting this girl to be your daughter's sole support system is unrealistic and unfair to the girl.

Because it is unlikely that Cora will find new friends in the context of school, continue to find outside activities that will give her something to do as well as contact with other teens. And, if Cora is open to it, you might consider having her volunteer at an animal rescue group or letting her adopt a pet from a shelter.

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DEAR ABBY: A friend sent me a sample line of face care products from a company she works for. She included a lip balm I used, and sunscreen that contains a chemical to which I am allergic. I offered to send that sample back.

When I researched the ingredients of the other products, I was dismayed to see that they contain many chemicals, too. (I try to use organic products as much as possible because I have sensitive skin.) Should I return the whole unused sample kit? I obviously can't return the lip balm. Or should I just thank her and keep—but not use—them? These are high-end products from Europe, and she has been so "wowed" by them that she has become a consultant and is excited to promote them.

RETURN TO SENDER?

DEAR R.T.S.?: Talk with your friend and thank her for her generosity, but explain that you are unable to use the products. Ask if she would like the unused products returned to her and take your cue from her. If she has had to pay for the products she's representing, she may be glad to have them back to share with others.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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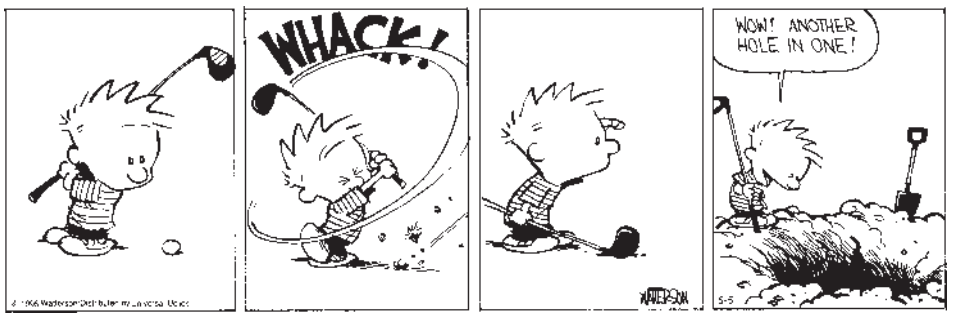

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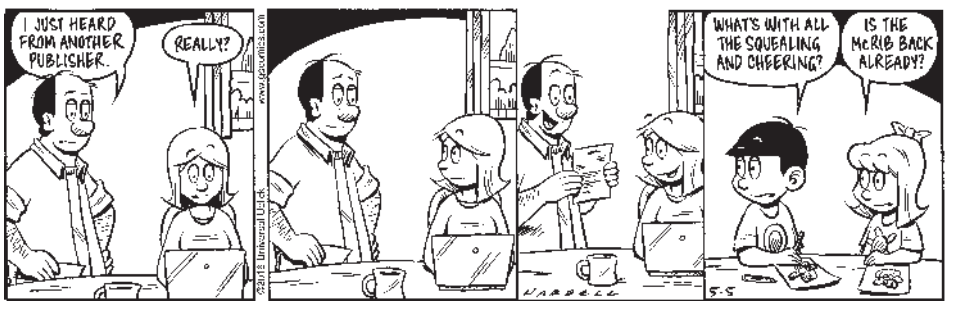

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

DIDN'T YOU WORK HERE IN HIGH SCHOOL?
YEAH, BUT I GOT FIRED BECAUSE I KEPT MESSING UP THE QUARTER-POUND BURGERS.
HOW COME?
I WAS NEVER GOOD AT FRACTIONS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Ambulance VIP
4 Go yachting
8 Lady of the haus
12 Mermaid's home
13 Turner or Fey
14 Charged bits
15 Beer vessels
17 Nobleman
18 Needlefish
19 Spouse's peacekeeping reply
21 Verse
24 Seminary subj.
25 100%
26 Chatter
28 Rockies range
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36 Sitarist Shankar
37 Egg holders
39 Deity
41 Indian bread
42 Be sick
44 Metal bracelet
46 Frog's perch
50 Wye follower
51 Unrepaired
52 Kenya neighbor
56 Big rig
57 Actor Jannings
58 Eastern "way"
59 Adolescent
60 Artist Magritte
61 NBC weekend show

DOWN

1 Ballpark fig.
2 — culpa
3 Citrus hybrids
4 Van Gogh's "— Night"
5 Melody
6 Race place
7 Surgical beam
8 Bluegrass musician
9 Libertine
10 "Diana" singer Paul
11 Addict
16 "Krazy —"
20 Congeal
21 Ache
22 Shoppe description
23 Tibetan bovine
27 Glutton
29 Digressions
30 Cameo shape
31 Primetime hour
33 Doesn't go out
35 Unruly group
38 Use a straw
40 Stupefy
43 In a while
45 PBS funder
46 Endure
47 "Got it"
48 Rickey flavor
49 Title for Judi Dench
53 Diarist Anaïs
54 Author Fleming
55 "You've got mail" co.

Solution time: 24 mins.

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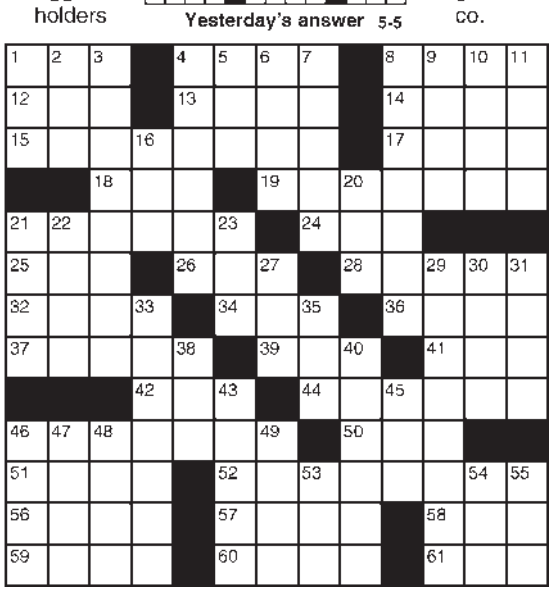
Yesterday's answer 5-5



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Brown, 27; Adele, 28; Henry Cavill, 33; Danielle Fishel, 35.

Happy Birthday: Knowledge will be your passage to success. Gather information and experiment until you perfect what you have to offer. Be brave and take pride in what you do and how you use your skills to make the world a better place. Playing it safe and using your intelligence will help you achieve your goals. Your numbers are 6, 13, 20, 28, 34, 37, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Emotional ups and downs will present a problem for you if you are dealing with money, medical or legal matters. Work in conjunction with others to avoid opposition. Make improvements to your physical fitness. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Participation will help you overcome any concerns or confusion you have about a topic or situation that interests you. A frugal approach when asked to donate will help you maintain your standard of living. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't offer to help someone when you are the one who needs assistance. Concentrate on making adjustments that will lead to emotionally sound results. Keeping secrets will help you avoid interference. A physical improvement will draw positive attention. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Do your own thing. Don't be a follower or second-guess your ability to make a sound choice. Let your charm and intelligence lead to your success. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Romance will unfold in an interesting and entertaining way. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Be prepared to take the bad with the good. Not everything will run smoothly when it comes to your position or reputation. Building a strong base and working on your strengths will help you overcome any negativity and opposition you face. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Step into the limelight and show everyone what you have to offer. Your presence will be recognized and honored by those who share your interests. Romance is on the rise, so plan a getaway for two. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Work behind the scenes. Keep your ideas and plans out of sight until you are fully prepared to make a presentation. A legal, financial or contractual matter will develop in a very peculiar but interesting way. Negotiate and seal the deal. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take a unique approach to the way you live your life. Clear or renovate a space to motivate you to pursue a new hobby or interest. A connection with someone special should be nurtured. A solid partnership will result in greater opportunities. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Avoid interference, meddling or gossip that can affect your reputation. Listen, assess and strategize to avoid backlash. Do your best to get along with others in order to avoid friction or being put in an awkward position. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Keep an open mind, but don't follow someone who is offering you something with little substance. Emotional matters will escalate if you try to please everyone. Do what's best for you, your family and your future. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Let the past guide you when making professional choices that can affect your status or reputation. Listen to what's being said, but don't feel obligated to agree with what you hear. Look for promising alternatives. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Stick close to home and avoid getting into a debate with someone who is incapable of change or compromise. Put greater emphasis on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. Romance will bring you joy. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are proactive, curious and persistent. You are aggressive and courageous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

1								9
4			2		5			1
		9				4		
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6								4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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7	8	6	4	5	1	3	2	9
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8	1	5	3	9	6	7	4	2
2	3	7	8	1	4	9	5	6

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Yesterday's Answer: Archipelago

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Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

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College graduate with a minimum of five (5) years related work experience, plus two (2) years supervisory/management experience in a clinic or hospital setting. Must be highly knowledgeable in CPT/ICD-9/ICD-10/HCPCS medical coding and medical billing. Working knowledge of the AdvancedMD medical software, plus proficiency using Microsoft Office applications. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical and problem solving abilities, and the ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment.

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Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

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Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

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Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

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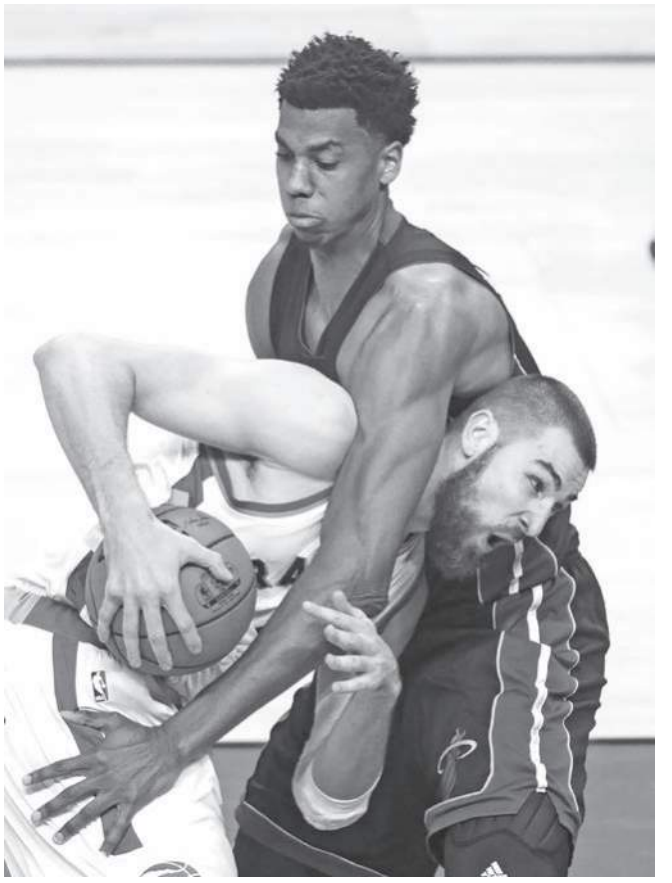
Heat survive Lowry's miracle 3, win Game 1



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Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside (21) fouls Toronto Raptors center Jonas Valanciunas (17) during the second half in Game 1 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in Toronto.

TORONTO (AP)— It only counts as one win, though the Miami Heat had to work twice as hard to get it.

Goran Dragic scored 26 points, Dwyane Wade had seven of his 24 in overtime after Kyle Lowry's halfcourt shot tied it at the buzzer, and the Heat beat the Toronto Raptors 102-96 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"We had to win the game twice tonight," Wade said.

Joe Johnson scored 16 points and Josh Richardson had 11. Hassan Whiteside had 17 rebounds for the Heat.

Game 2 is Thursday night in Toronto.

Lowry's improbable 3-pointer from his own side of the halfcourt line capped Toronto's six-point comeback in the final 20 seconds of regulation, but the Raptors couldn't deliver in the extra session. Toronto went scoreless for the first 3:46 of overtime before DeMar DeRozan hit a jumper.

Dunks by DeMarre Carroll and Jonas Valanciunas made it 99-96 with just over 10 seconds to play. Toronto got the ball back after a Miami turnover on the inbounds play, but Wade stripped the ball from DeRozan and sealed it with a three-point play.

"D-Wade did a great job of reading the play and jumping toward the ball, trying to take the ball away from me," DeRozan said.

Wade (3,638) moved into 16th place on the NBA's playoff scoring list, passing Elgin Baylor (3,623). Scottie Pippen (3,642) is in 15th place.

Valanciunas had 24 points and 14 rebounds, and DeRozan added 22 points for the Raptors, who dropped to 1-9 in the opening game of a postseason series. Five of those defeats have come at home.

"Game 1, you've got to be on point," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "You can't have some of the mistakes that we made, turning it over. We'd get stops and lose it back, not rotate quick enough in some of the situations."

DeRozan connected on his first three field goal attempts of the game, then made only six of 19 the rest of the way.

Lowry also struggled, going scoreless in the first half and finishing 3 of 13 for seven points. The All-Star guard headed to Toronto's practice gym on the upper level of Air Canada Centre to work on his shooting after the game.

"We know he's not shooting the ball well," Casey said. "He's not making the shots that he normally makes. It's just like a hitter, hitters go through slumps. He's there."

Wade saw the lighter side of Lowry's 8-for-50 performance from 3-point range in the playoffs so far.

"Sounds like me in the regular season," joked Wade, who didn't make a 3 from late December until Game 6 of Miami's first-round series against Charlotte. "He's right on track to make some big 3s soon."

Toronto's Terrence Ross set a career playoff high with 19 points and Cory Joseph had 10.

Miami led 86-81 after a 3 by Dragic with 40 seconds left, but Toronto trimmed the deficit to 89-86 on a 3 by Ross with 6.5 seconds remaining.

Luol Deng threw the ball away on the resulting inbounds play and Ross was fouled. He made the first but missed the second, and Whiteside was fouled as he grabbed the rebound. Whiteside missed the first but made the second, giving Miami a three-point edge with 3.3 seconds to go.

Lowry then was given time and space by the Heat to let go his long-range attempt and it went through for his first made 3 in six attempts, sparking a wild celebration in front of the Toronto bench.

"I unfortunately had a very good look at it," Wade said. "I'm looking at the ball and I'm like 'No way, this is not about to happen.'"

Wade went down clutching his right knee after the botched inbounds play that put Ross on the line, but stayed in.

"I hit the inside of my knee on the floor, on the bone," he said. "I'm sure it will be bruised but it'll be fine."

Whiteside strained his right knee when he slipped and fell with 4:54 left in the first quarter. He limped to the bench and left for the locker room but returned at 9:01 of the second.

"That was scary," Wade said. "He went down nasty."

Warriors 110, Trail Blazers 99

In Oakland, the defending champions mounted a remarkable comeback without MVP Stephen Curry.

Next game, they might have him back and really get rolling.

Klay Thompson scored 27 points and gave Golden State its first lead of the game on a 3-pointer with 5:33 left, and the Warriors rallied to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 110-99 on Tuesday night for a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

"It started with how focused we were in that fourth," Thompson said. "We've been down and out before. ... We were just locked in on both sides of the ball. We can build on this game. That effort there in the fourth quarter is what it's going to take to beat this team."

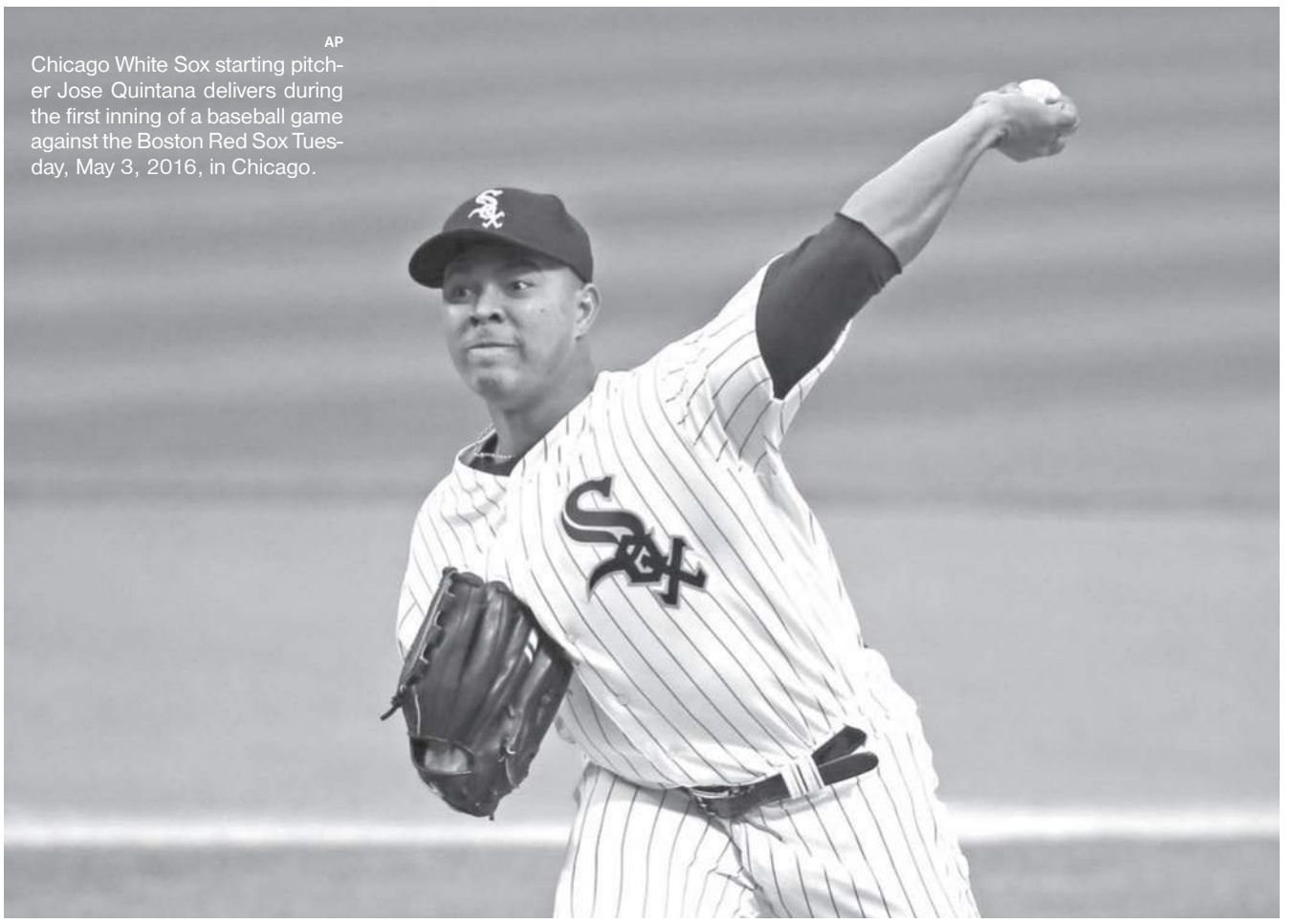
Quintana, White Sox shut down Red Sox

CHICAGO (AP)—Jose Quintana pitched eight crisp innings for his third straight win, and the AL-leading Chicago White Sox cooled off the Boston Red Sox with a 4-1 victory on Tuesday night.

Jose Abreu had two hits and three RBI as Chicago ran its record to 19-8 with its third straight win. It has won nine of 11 overall to keep up with the major league-leading Cubs, revving up the anticipation for an intriguing summer in the Windy City.

Hanley Ramirez's one-out homer in the fifth halted Quintana's scoreless streak at 20 1/3 innings, but the left-hander bounced back by retiring Travis Shaw and Chris Young on a pair of grounders.

Quintana (4-1) allowed four hits, struck out five and walked none while lowering his ERA to 1.40. David Robertson finished for his ninth save in 10 chances.



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Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Jose Quintana delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in Chicago.

Cubs 7, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Jake Arrieta dominated the Pittsburgh Pirates yet again, scattering two hits in seven shutout innings as Chicago defeated Pittsburgh.

Seven months after shutting the Pirates down in the NL wild card playoff, Arrieta allowed only singles to Sean Rodriguez in the second and Francisco Cervelli in the seventh. Arrieta (6-0) struck out five and walked two while lowering his ERA to 0.84. He became the second six-game winner in the major leagues after Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox.

Royals 7, Nationals 6

In Kansas City, Lorenzo Cain capped a three-run ninth inning with a two-out single to left, bringing home Mike Moustakas and giving Kansas City a victory.

Tanner Roark lasted into the eighth inning for Washington, but he was relieved by Felipe Rivero with runners on the corners and one out. Eric Hosmer grounded into a fielder's choice to make it 6-4.

Braves 3, Mets 0

In New York, Matt Wisler wiped out New York with eight innings of one-hit ball and Mallex Smith hit a rare Atlanta homer off a scuffling Matt Harvey.

Asdrubal Cabrera's clean single to center field with one out in the fifth was the lone hit for the defending NL champions. Wisler (1-2) walked two, struck out four and beat the Mets for the third time in his two-year career.

Phillies 1, Cardinals 0

In St. Louis, Aaron Nola threw seven innings and Ryan Howard homered to lead Philadelphia to a victory.

Philadelphia has won seven of eight while St. Louis has lost five of six.

Jeanmar Gomez recorded his ninth save in as many opportunities after Hector Neris struck out the side in the eighth inning.

Astros 6, Twins 4

In Houston, Jason Castro and George Springer hit homers and Houston held on for a victory.

Castro hit his first homer of the year to lead off the three-run third inning, and Springer hit a shot that bounced off the railroad tracks in left field and out of the stadium to cap the three-run fourth.

Orioles 4, Yankees 1

In Baltimore, Mark Trumbo hit two home runs, Chris Tillman scattered five hits over seven innings and Baltimore extended New York's losing streak to six games.

Trumbo hit a solo shot in the second inning and his eighth of the season with a runner on in the fifth. Both homers were off Luis Severino (0-4), who yielded only two long balls in his previous four starts.

Blue Jays 3, Rangers 1, 10 innings

In Toronto, Justin Smoak's first two home runs of the season, a tying drive in the ninth inning and two-run shot in the 10th, led Toronto over Texas.

Rougned Odor homered on Marco Estrada's second pitch of the game, the first leadoff home run of Odor's big league career.

Joe Biagini (1-1) pitched two innings of two-hit relief for the win, completing a six-hitter.

Indians 7, Tigers 3

In Cleveland, Francisco Lindor hit a three-run homer, scored three times and fell a triple short of the cycle, leading Cleveland to a victory.

Lindor singled in the first inning when Cleveland scored three times, doubled and scored in the third and homered in the fifth as the Indians ended Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Dodgers 10, Rays 5

In St. Petersburg, Trayce Thompson, Joc Pederson and Yasiel Puig homered as Los Angeles pulled out of an offensive funk with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Howie Kendrick had four hits, including a two-run double that broke a fifth-inning tie, to help left-hander Scott Kazmir (2-2) get his 100th win. The RBI were the first of the season for Kendrick, coming in his 59th at-bat.

Giants 3, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Jeff Samardzija went eight innings to win his third straight start -- a career first—and San Francisco rallied for two runs in the eighth inning against Cincinnati's historically bad bullpen.

Cincinnati's bullpen gave up at least one run for the 21st consecutive game, surpassing the 2013 Colorado Rockies for the major league record, according to information provided by the Reds from the Elias Sports Bureau.

Marlins 7, Diamondbacks 4

In Miami, Ichiro Suzuki's two-run pinch-hit single put Miami ahead in the sixth inning to rally past Arizona.

Miami trailed 4-1 before scoring four runs in the sixth, when three Arizona pitchers combined to give up three walks and a hit batsman.

Brewers 5, Angels 4

In Milwaukee, Chris Carter hit two long home runs and drove in three, Junior Guerra won his first career major league start, and Milwaukee rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Los Angeles.

With the Brewers trailing 4-0, Carter's two-run homer in the third caromed off the black batter's backdrop in center.

Mariners 8, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Robinson Cano, Kyle Seager and Leonys Martin hit home runs and Hisashi Iwakuma pitched seven solid innings for Seattle.

Iwakuma (1-3) took a shutout into the sixth inning and allowed four hits to end a career-worst, four-game losing streak dating to last September. He walked two and struck out three.

Padres 6, Rockies 3

In San Diego, Matt Kemp and Brett Wallace hit back-to-back home runs and Andrew Cashner recovered from a shaky first inning to lead San Diego.

Kemp's homer in the fourth was the first hit of the game against Rockies starter Eddie Butler, who retired the first 11 batters. Wallace followed with an opposite-field shot into the first deck in left.

Bills left tackle Glenn agrees to 5-year extension

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Cordy Glenn has become one of the NFL's top-paid left tackles after agreeing to a five-year, $65 million contract extension with the Buffalo Bills.

The Bills announced the deal Tuesday evening, about an hour after Glenn's representatives, Sports Trust Advisors, said on its Twitter account that an agreement had been reached.

A person familiar with the contract revealed the contract's worth to The Associated Press, and spoke on the condition of anonymity because neither side provided that figure.

By total value, Glenn's contract ranks fourth among left tackles according to Spotrac.com. Dallas Cowboys Tyron Smith tops the list with an eight-year deal worth $97.6 million.

Glenn's new contract replaces the $13.7 million franchise tag he signed in March. The Bills placed the designation on Glenn to retain his rights and prevent him from entering free agency.

Glenn was selected in the second round of the 2012 draft out of Georgia, and has started 61 games for Buffalo. Last year, he was part of a line that helped Buffalo lead the league with 2,432 yards rushing.

Center Eric Wood and left guard Richie Incognito were among several Bills players to congratulate Glenn in messages on their Twitter accounts.

"You earned it brother!" Woods wrote

"Much deserved!" added Incognito.

Buffalo's starting offensive line is set to return mostly intact after the team re-signed Incognito to a three-year, $15 million in March.

The only question mark is right tackle Seantrel Henderson, who was diagnosed last season with Crohn's disease, a type of inflammatory bowel disease. General manager Doug Whaley and coach Rex Ryan were unable to provide updates on Henderson's status over the past month.

Meanwhile, New Orleans Saints left tackle Terron Armstead has agreed to a five-year extension that runs through the 2021 season.

Armstead, who was a third-round draft pick by the Saints out of Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 2013, has been a starter since late in his rookie season. His contract had been due to expire after the 2016 season.

"Terron is a valuable and important piece to our offense and has shown that he is one of the top players in the game today," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said when the team announced the extension Tuesday afternoon. "He will be a valuable member of our team for many years to come."

The 6-foot-5, 304-pound Armstead, who'll turn 25 in July, started 13 games last season despite a nagging knee injury that sidelined him from numerous practices.

"There isn't a left tackle I would trade him for in the league," Saints coach Sean Payton said late last December. "I really like the way he has progressed. He is smart and athletic, and last week when you watch the tape, if you watch it, you can see that he is not 100 percent and he fights through it."

Saints quarterback Drew Brees offered similar praise near the end of last season, saying, "I know what he has had to battle through from week-to-week. ... Yet, he's still done an outstanding job. It has been impressive."

When drafted, Armstead was known for his 4.71 40-yard-dash time at the NFL combine, which demonstrated exceptional speed for his size.

Atletico Madrid reaches Champions League final on away goals

MUNICH (AP)—A goal from Antoine Griezmann sent Atletico Madrid to the Champions League final for the second time in three seasons despite a 2-1 defeat at Bayern Munich on Tuesday.

Atletico, which lost to city rival Real Madrid in the 2014 final, progressed on the away goals rule with an aggregate score of 2-2 after winning the first leg of their semifinal in Madrid 1-0.

Atletico striker Fernando Torres had the chance to settle it with a late penalty, only for Manuel Neuer to save his spot kick.

Torres wasn't the only one to miss from the spot. Atletico's Jan Oblak saved a penalty from Thomas Mueller in the first half, minutes after Xabi Alonso leveled the tie with a free kick in the 31st.

Griezmann scored in the 54th to put Atletico in the driving seat, before Robert Lewandowski headed Bayern back in front on the night in the 74th to set up a furious finale.

Bayern needed one more goal to avoid going out at the semifinal stage for the third straight season to a Spanish team and poured everything forward -- only to be denied by Oblak and his defenders.

"We're into the final. We can be proud and happy. Bayern have amazing players up front and it was impossible to keep a clean sheet," Oblak said.

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Atletico's Antoine Griezmann celebrates scoring his side's first goal during the Champions League second leg semifinal soccer match between Bayern Munich and Atletico de Madrid in Munich, Germany, Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

Atletico will play either Manchester City or Real Madrid in the final in Milan on May 28. Their first leg match finished 0-0 last week in Manchester, with the return match in Madrid on Wednesday.

Atletico coach Diego Simeone described Bayern as "the best team that I played against in my career. It's great to see how my team played with such intensity. I was literally in love with this game."

Simeone, whose side defeated Barcelona in the quarterfinals, added: "We have played against two of the three best teams in Europe. We've knocked them out, and I'm very proud of that."

Torres had no preference over another Madrid derby or an Anglo-Spanish final in Milan.

"We have the chance to create history," he said. "We want to win the tournament and the opponent is irrelevant."

Bayern started Tuesday's game with the intensity needed to claw back the deficit from the first leg.

Lewandowski epitomized the home side's spirit by fighting for every ball, earning a corner at one stage when it looked like a lost cause.

Lewandowski, being marshaled by Diego Godin, was inches away from meeting Douglas Costa's cross and Arturo Vidal fired the next opportunity over the top as Bayern kept up the pressure.

Gabi drew a fine save from Neuer in what was Atletico's best first-half chance after Griezmann pulled the ball back.

After that, it was all Bayern, which had 35 attempts on goal compared to Atletico's seven over the course of the game.

Mueller and Lewandowski both went close and Vidal had another effort stopped by Oblak, who pulled off a brilliant save to deny Lewandowski in the 20th minute when it seemed the Poland striker must score.

Atletico was living dangerously and Simeone was getting increasingly agitated on the touchline. Oblak was relieved to see the ball fly over after a goalmouth fumble and the Atletico goalkeeper was warned for time wasting with less than half an hour played.

A blatant foul from Augusto Fernandez gave Bayern the free kick from which Alonso scored with the help of a deflection from Jose Maria Gimenez.

Gimenez was then penalized for a push on Javi Martinez but Mueller was thwarted from the resultant penalty by Oblak, who also blocked Alonso's effort from the rebound.

"Sometimes football is cruel. Of course I'm really disappointed that I couldn't put it away," Mueller said.

Griezmann scored the decisive goal after combining with Torres, heading the ball to his teammate and then racing onto the return pass to finish coolly past Neuer on a breakaway.

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on target early on, the Comets struggled and made it to the board only at the top of the fourth inning, courtesy of Jonathan's Pialug's run off the former's booboo at shortstop.

The Yankees countered at the bottom of the fourth with seven runs to deliver the killer blows. Roke Tenorio starred in the decisive fourth after hitting a three-run triple.

With the Yankees ahead by 14, the Comets must score at least five runs at the top of the fifth to continue the game, but they got none as the latter were done after only four batters. Leadoff batter Regino Celis was struck out, while Brandon Sumor was beaten at first base. E.J. Castro was next at bat and singled, but was left stranded at first when Yankees catcher Alden Ngeskebei caught a fly ball from James Reyes to end the one-sided match.

Secharmidal took the win, as he pitched without relief and threw a four-hitter, while fanning out five.

The victory against the Comets was the second straight time that the Yankees held their foes to one run. Last April 24, the Yankees outclassed the Islanders, 7-1, with Lizama pitching a complete game and allowing only three hits with no earned runs, while striking out seven.

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Donald's. In the boys U18, Castillo finished ahead of Tinian High School's Zachariah Hofschneider (8.02 seconds) and Agape Christian School's Teemo Wang (8.04 seconds).

Koblerville duplicated MHS' sweep as it won both the girls and boys U9 age group. Slymark Defang gave the Umang the victory in the boys division after completing the sprint in 10.87 seconds. He won over teammate William Kim (11.16 seconds), William S. Reyes Elementary School's Ramcy Cepeda (11.36 seconds) and Raymond Seka (11.94 seconds), Chacha's Reed Camacho (12.14 seconds), and Tinian's Lerry Marquez (12.96). In the girls division, Becky Walter submitted 11.45 seconds to finish ahead of WSR's Shamaelynn Kileleman (11.75 seconds) Brilliant Star's Savita Sikkel (11.95 seconds), WSR's Mikarose Naanep (12.27 seconds), teammate Zoe Lee (12.46 seconds), and Tinian's Bernadette Fleming (12.57 seconds).

Koblerville's third first place finish came from Audrey Mettao, who lorded it over in the girls U11 age group after logging 10.16 seconds. The Umangs had a 1-2 finish in the division as Princess Kasian posted the second-fastest time at 10.36, placing ahead of Tinian's Lydia Bokuku (11.11 seconds), teammate Judy Anna Andebar (11.30 seconds), and WSR's Maria Nabaunag (11.51 seconds).

In the boys U11, Kagman's Winojay Willy took the gold medal after registering 9.97 seconds. He was the lone runner to complete the race under 10 seconds, as second and third placers Marcus Pelisamen and John Mark Joyce of WSR clocked in at 10:22 and 10.43 seconds, respectively.

In other results, Brilliant Star's Moshe Sikkel and Saipan Community School's Youna Li claimed the gold medals in the U7 division. Sikkel logged 11.65 seconds to prevail against five other runners. Koblerville's Jaydan Defang (11.91 seconds) and WSR's Jolash Saluta (12.26 seconds) joined him in the podium. In the girls division, Li timed in at 12.75 seconds to down WSR's Aislinn Laxamana (12.93 seconds) and Koblerville's Jellydia Hong (13.14 seconds).

In the U13 age group, Tinian's Jeremiah Hofschneider took the first place honors in the boys division after checking on at 8.91 seconds. He was the only runner to break the 9-second barrier, as runners-up Rommel Mendoza of San Antonio Middle School and Dandan's Latrel Leon Guerrero posted similar times of 9:.15 seconds and third finisher Trey Aiken of Hopwood logged 9.39 seconds. In the girls field, Hopwood had a Top 3 finish with Therize Millare's 9.77 seconds edging the 9.96 and 10.16 seconds of siblings Aiko and Nichko Rasiang. Four other runners joined the girls race.

In the U15 division, Dandan and Tanapag split the top honors with the latter's Treyven Quitugua winning the boys competition with a time of 8.22 seconds and the former's Jaime Pangelinan submitting 9.42 seconds to rule the girls field. Pangelinan placed ahead of Tinian's Chelsea Ayuyu (9.91 seconds) and Hopwood's Kiikii Mereb (10.17), while Quitugua won over Hopwood's Terrence Babauta (8.48 seconds) and Tinian's Tyler Santos (8.83 seconds).

Meanwhile, the 4x100m relays in all age groups also took place in the opening day of the four-day meet, but results were unavailable at press time. Today, student-athletes will compete in the 200m, 400m and 1,500m runs and softball throw.

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winning streak while improving its record to 3-4 with one game left in the round-robin elimination. Despite the loss, Ghasias, with its 5-1 mark, remains at the top half of the team standings, as it occupies the second spot behind outright semifinalist Mobil (6-2). Island's Best is in the middle of the team standings and still has a chance to finish in the Top 4 where the first two placers get the automatic semis tickets and the next two drawing byes in the first round of the playoffs. The No. 5 to 8 placers, on the other hand, will also qualify into the playoffs, while the last finisher will be eliminated.

Matt Duenas top-scored in Island's Best victory, making 35 points. Duenas and company led from start to finish, as they capitalized on the absence of Ghasias' key players. Ghasias will play the remaining games in the regular season and in the playoffs without Fred Pelisamen and Jack Lizama, who were banned from the league after figuring in a fight with Kalayaan's Sawad Henderson.

Douglas Schmidt tried to fill the void left by Pelisamen and Lizama on Ghasias' offense, and matched Duenas' output, but he clearly needed help from his teammates. The support came in late, as Island's Best had repeatedly established double-digit leads with Duenas getting backup from Angelo Fernando, Jawn Joyner, and JV Bayking.

Fernando chipped in 19 points, while Joyner added 16, including a one-handed slam that put the finishing touches on Island's Best's victory. Bayking contributed 11.

Meanwhile, in the first game, CES Electronics also reached the century mark en route to a 112-102 win over GMI Market.

CES now has a 4-2 record for third place in the team standings, while GMI Market fell to a 2-3 card.

CES played a balance offense to beat the young guns of GMI Market. Six of the seven CES players who graced the team's box scores tallied double figures with Syl Teregeyo leading the way with his 26 points. White Capalad added 23, while Justin Andrew and Jerome Norita posted 18 and 15, respectively. James Kintz registered 14, while Patrick Salalila had 10.

Djay Ong led all scorers with his 31 points, while Jethro Cruz recorded 24 for GMI Market, which stayed in the game in the first half before being outgunned by CES in the second.

CES turned a 55-46 halftime lead to an 85-66 spread with Teregeyo knocking in 10 points in the third quarter and four of his teammates making 4 points apiece.

First Game

CES 112—Teregeyo 26, Capalad 23, Andrew 18, Norita 15, Kintz 14, Salalila 10, Lizama 5.

GMI Market 102—Ong 31, Je. Cruz 24, Atalig 15, Sablan 13, Nakashima 14, J. Cruz 7.

Scoring by quarters: 30-24, 55-46, 85-66, 112-102.

Second Game

Island's Best 102—Matt Duenas 35, Fernando 19, Joyner 16, Bayking 11, Devero 6, Manny Duenas 4, M. Usi 4, Odicta 3, Bongalan 2, Aniciete 2.

Ghasias Brothers 92—Schmidt 35, JR Pelisamen 14, B. Pelisamen 11, D. Pelisamen 12, E. Pelisamen 7, Jo. Pelisamen 7, R. Pelisamen 6.

Scoring by quarters: 25-18, 49-34, 73-58, 102-92.

13th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament

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Golfers take a break toward the end of the13th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

NMC staff and volunteers take a quick photo as they sell raffle tickets for the tournament banquet.

Golfers pose for a photo before resuming play.

Participants wait before the shotgun start of the tournament.

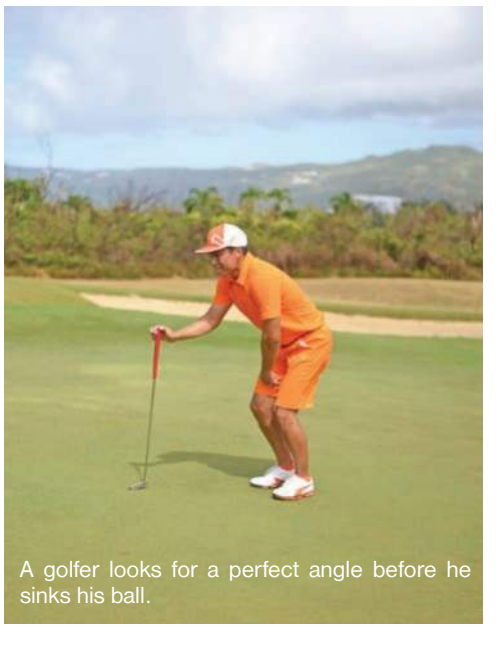
Participants, including James Nelson, left, and Juan Lizama, second left, stand by their carts before the start of the tournament.

A group of golfers smiles for a quick photo.

Volunteers pose as they assist golfers.

Golfers smile as they get ready to drive off and start the tournament.

A golfer watches his shot from the 18th hole of the west course.



A golfer looks for a perfect angle before he sinks his ball.

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KES rules 3 races; MHS sweeps 60m

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Runners sprint to the finish line of the 60m race in the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yesterday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Koblerville Elementary School got three first place finishes in the 60m run, while Marianas High School had a sweep in the similar event that kicked off the action in the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships yesterday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

The Dolphins' Zarinae Sapong and Jerald Castillo topped the girls and boys U18 divisions' 60m run after clocking in at 8.86 seconds and 7.94 seconds, respectively. Sapong led MHS' 1-2-3 finish in the girls U18 as teammate Bernadette Horey (9.16 seconds) and Pinyarat Shankweiler (9.40 seconds) joined her in the podium to receive the medals presented by Marcia Ayuyu, general manager of tournament sponsor Mc-

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Yankees rout Comets in Big League

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The Yankees quickly dispatched the Comets, cruising to a 15-1 win after only four and a half innings in their Big League division game in the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The early victory was what the Yankees' needed as several of their players had to finish off the Comets to prepare for Kagman High School's prom night. The Yankees-Comets match, which was originally set in the third and final game last Saturday was even moved to first to give way to the former's request.

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The Yankees' Angel Palacios gets ready to bat during the bottom of the fourth inning of their Big League game against the Comets in the SLLB last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Pressed for time, the Yankees buckled down to work early, scoring eight runs in the first two innings to set up the win via 10-run mercy rule. They scored three runs at the bottom of the first inning off Peyton Lizama's RBI single and two runs from a wild pitch and sacrifice fly. The Yankees then got two more runs off wild pitches in the second, one from Verlance Secharmidal's RBI single, and two from the Comets' errors at shortstop.

While the Yankees were

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Island's Best Choice hands Ghasias Brothers first loss

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There is no more undefeated team in the DL Sports Association Invitational Basketball League Season 5 as Island's Best Choice downed Ghasias Brothers, 102-92, in the second game last Tuesday night at the San Antonio court.

Island's Best Choice snapped Ghasias' five-game

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Island's Best Choice's Matt Duenas pulls up for an uncontested shot during the closing minutes of their game against Ghasias Brothers in the DL caging last Tuesday night at the San Antonio court.